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Finsbury Park gets facelift to attract more shoppers

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Vava Mouhtari, owner of Opera in Fonthill Road, and Cllr Asima Shaikh celebrate the new shop front. Picture: Steve Bainbridge - Credit: Archant

Town hall bosses are investing in Finsbury Park's high streets to attract more shoppers.



The exterior of Opera in Fonthill Road before its new shop front work. Picture: Islington Council - Credit: Archant

They are helping transform shop fronts in Stroud Green Road, Blackstock Road and Fonthill Road.

Opera, a women's special occasion clothes shop in Fonthill Road, is the first of 20 to receive a facelift, with all works due to finish in January.


Owner Vava Mouhtari said: "I think the work to improve the look of the area is very good. People in Fonthill Road have noticed the difference."

Finsbury Park Cllr Asima Shaikh, who is also Islington's economic development leader, said: "Finsbury Park is a fantastic area with a huge amount to offer. We're making significant investment to improve facilities and also preserve the area's unique heritage."

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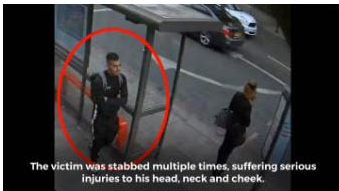
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"Local businesses play a vital part in what gives Finsbury Park its flavour. The shop front scheme is helping to give the streets a lift and will help to bring more visitors and shoppers."

Meanwhile, Cllr Shaikh has urged people to shop local at the weekend: "Small Business Saturday is coming up on December 3 and I encourage everyone to go out and support their local shops and traders."

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