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## Blackpool Central

A £300 million development which will bring world-class visitor attractions to a landmark site on the famous Golden Mile. A range of indoor attractions will be built, including a flying theatre, the world's first multimedia exhibition of its kind and the most advanced virtual reality experience on an epic scale.

It is estimated that the development will attract 600,000 additional visitors a year with a combined annual spend of £75m. It will also create 1,000 new jobs for people in Blackpool.

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## Talbot Gateway

The Talbot Gateway is the town's central business district which includes new offices, a Sainsbury's superstore, retail units and a new public transport interchange at Blackpool North Station.

A new road layout and modern pavements have helped to transform the once run-down area in the north of the town centre, creating a new vibrant place to work and do business. The latest phase of works involves construction of a new underpass, plus a four-star Holiday Inn hotel and Marco Pierre White restaurant.

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## Better public transport and travel

More trams on the network and more frequent services. The extension to the tramway will connect North Station to the promenade giving a direct link to shops, hotels and attractions.

There will be a modern and electrified rail line which is cleaner, greener, quieter and more reliable, getting you to where you need to be to shop, work and enjoy Blackpool.

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## Blackpool Museum – Showtown

Showtown Blackpool is the UK's first museum to feature permanent displays on circus, magic, variety, and ballroom dance, filled with 800+ objects from the town's extensive collections and those on loan from our national partners, including the Victoria and Albert Museum.



This £13m project, which opened on 15 March 2024, has been designed like no other museum, telling personal stories, highlighting how Blackpool has touched the lives of millions. Entry is free for Blackpool residents who pay council tax to Blackpool Council.



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## New retail and leisure

We're delighted to share that Blackpool has successfully secured £8.6m for two key town centre 'shovel ready' projects that will rejuvenate the town centre and provide a well needed economic boost, post Covid-19.

The two projects Houndshill Shopping Centre Phase Two development and the regeneration of Abingdon Street Market, secured funding through the government's Getting Building Fund and approval from Lancashire Enterprise Partnership (LEP), as projects that will be delivered fast and create jobs for the town.



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