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### The Street is the Star

Plans for development of the century old Kingsway Cinema, involve provisions for 49 apartments. After a devastating fire, the Kings Heath site became derelict. The original 1000 seats have 'Gone With the Wind'. The facade is now all that remains of the former picture house. It has been proposed to open a new two-screen cinema utilising 160 deck chairs, plus restaurant space within the complex.

The 'Hare and Hounds' has long been a great venue for live bands of varied styles, famously UB40s' first public performance, whereas 'The Station' at the city end of the High Street, provides predominantly blues music. Work has begun on a £61 million project which includes a new Kings Heath railway station. This is located across the road from the station pub, beyond the health club - where can be seen rows of stationary walkers on treadmills. The Victorian station was confusingly called Moseley Station (until Moseley got its own).

Air quality has long been a problem on the High Street. It is hoped that the new rail link to the city will help to improve congestion. Likewise, number 50 buses (one every four minutes) are leading the way with hybrid technology. I was informed by a bus driver that the new 50s have no wing mirrors.

My photographic contribution depicting Kings Heath High Street, is an attempt to show the busyness of an interactive environment. This multi-cultural community is catered for with many traditional food outlets and more adventurous choices from Korean kimchi to Caribbean cuisine. Bargains abound with many charity shops, to re-buy the CDs you donated previously. And not one, but three *lands* where nearly everything costs no more than a pound.

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