

City can sleep safely ... the London Stone is coming home

By Daily Telegraph Reporter

THE London Stone, which is said to ensure the safety of the City, may solve any possible post-Brexit setbacks after being moved back to its rightful home, the Museum of London has said.

The stone, which reputedly formed part of the capital's foundations and, according to one of many legends, was the resting place of Excalibur, was moved to the museum from its home at 111 Cannon Street in 2016 while the site was redeveloped.

A similar move home in the early Sixties was quickly followed by a peaceful resolution to the Cuban missile crisis.

The 76kg limestone rock, which is mentioned by Shakespeare in *Henry VI Part 2*, has inspired a host of myths and mysteries.

"We are hoping all the modern woes

The limestone London Stone is reputed to be the magical heart of the City



of life might be reversed now the karma is being restored," Roy Stephenson, the Museum of London curator told *The Guardian*.

The relic – also known as the Stone of Brutus after the Roman founder of the capital – is mentioned in historical documents as early as 1100. It survived the Great Fire of 1666, as well as the Blitz, and has never left the City of London's boundaries.

Mr Stephenson said he hoped the temporary move to protect it during building work "didn't upset the chakra or the karma that is associated with it".

He added: "It all might be a load of rubbish but who knows? It is better to be on the safe side. I'm really pleased with where it is going ... maybe there will be a solution to Brexit."

Prior to its move in 2016, it has always stayed at Cannon Street, except for a short period in the early Sixties when it was moved temporarily to the Guildhall Museum while construction work took place.

It returns to Cannon Street next month, and will be housed in a newly built retail and office block. Stephenson said the developers were creating a fine home for the London Stone. "It is like a mini city-centre apartment, with a view out on to Cannon Street."