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Rotherhithe and Bermondsey Community Councils

Have your say on new statues of some of our historical local heroes (Dr Alfred Salter and Ada Salter) – please let us know what you think by completing the questionnaire inside this leaflet

In 1897 Ada (Brown) moved into Bermondsey to fight against the appalling poverty afflicting girls and women. In 1898, Alfred Salter also took up residence, deciding to sacrifice a brilliant career as a doctor at Guy's Hospital to tend the poor in the Bermondsey slums. The couple vowed to dedicate their lives to Bermondsey and married in 1900. Ada became the first woman councillor in London and the first woman mayor. Alfred became MP, first in 1922, lost the seat in 1923, regained it in 1924 and continued as the MP until 1945. His medical innovations, providing many services for free, created in Bermondsey an 'NHS before the NHS'. Ada's environmental innovations included a Beautification Committee that covered Bermondsey in trees and flowers. Together they pushed for model housing. The Salter houses can still be seen in Wilson Grove, just off the Thames Path. As Quakers, they campaigned for world peace and opposed all war. Tragically, residence in Bermondsey led to the death from scarlet fever of the Salter's only child, Joyce, aged eight, in 1910.



The much loved statue of Dr Salter waving to his daughter Joyce and the cat

Since the statue of Dr Salter was stolen in November 2011 Joyce and the cat were put safely in storage and a community group has been regularly meeting with the initial remit to recover the statue. Sadly this was not achieved, and we are now planning a replacement. We plan to fundraise **£100,000** which would cover the cost of both the statues of Alfred and Ada and possibly Joyce and the cat, and any installations such as CCTV to enhance their security.

Our task now is to get your views. The results will inform the ultimate Council decision. The issues are complex and so we have added an explanation to help you decide.

PLEASE TURN OVER THE PAGE, COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE AND RETURN BY FRIDAY 11 MAY 2012 BY FREEPOST TO SOUTHWARK COUNCIL – THANK YOU

Contact for enquiries or if you wish to make a donation to the new statues fund:
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SALTER STATUE QUESTIONNAIRE

There are three decisions to be made:

- A. Material
- B. Artistic Commission – concept and sculptor
- C. Location

A. Choice of material

Three types of materials are appropriate for a sculpture: Your choice - **ONE** tick only

| Stone/marble/granite | Bronze | Aluminium |
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| New style of statue required as difficult to produce figurative work as less flexible and outstretched arms are easily damaged Graffiti removal risk | As original but target for theft Would need sensory devices and secure site | Less attractive to thieves, but still a risk Can appear “cold” but can have added texture but adds cost and needs more maintenance |
| TICK HERE | TICK HERE | TICK HERE |

B. Artistic Commission

Commission original artist or hold an open competition: Your choice – **ONE** tick only

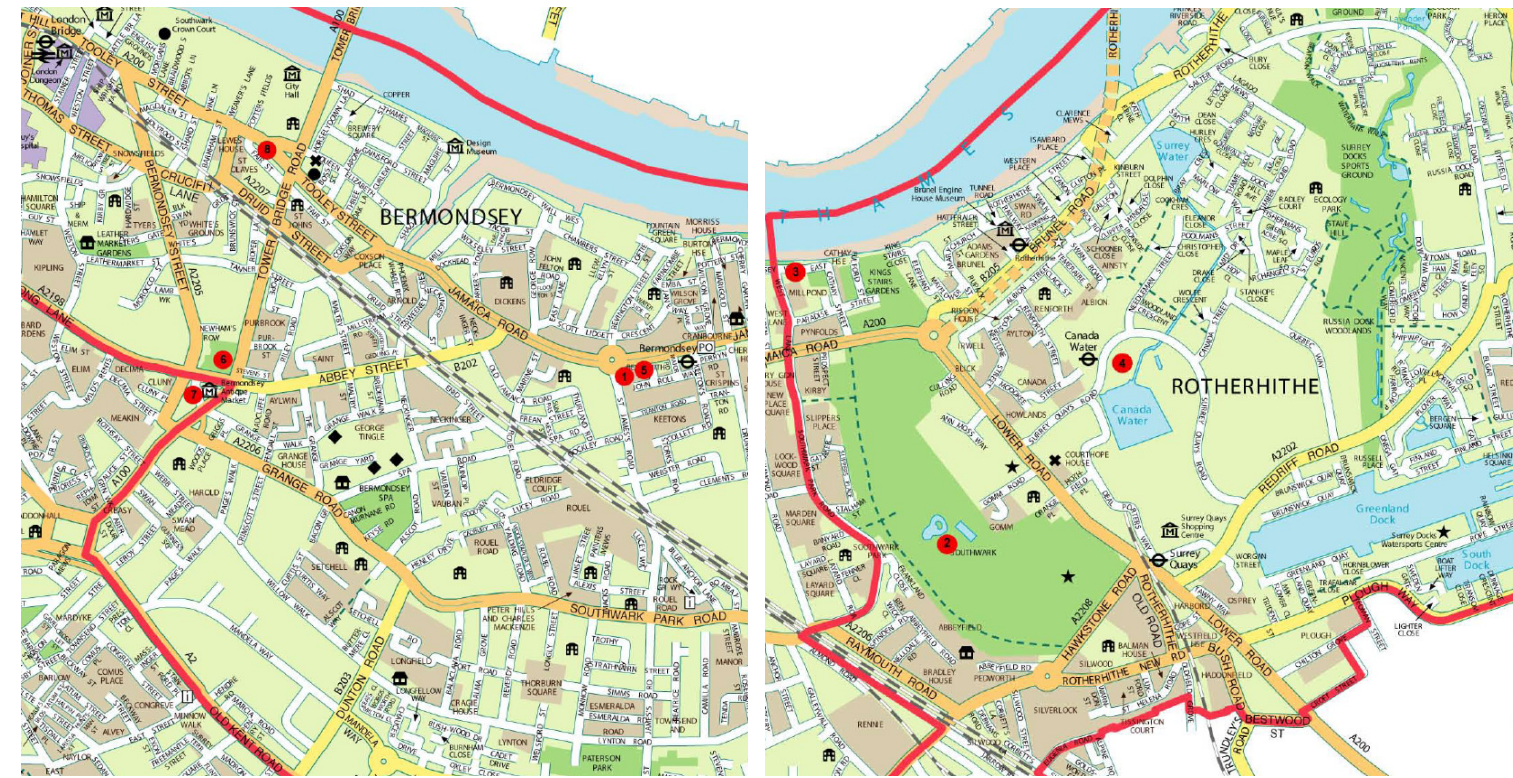
| Bronze and same style | Bronze and new style | Other material |
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| Use original sculptor. Joyce and cat can be brought back if the style and sculptor is the same | Competition and consultation. If a new sculptor is chosen, new sculptures of Joyce and cat would need to be made to match | Competition and consultation. This would require new copies of Joyce and cat to match |
| TICK HERE | TICK HERE | TICK HERE |

C. Potential sites

By applying various criteria, the group has shortlisted eight sites from those originally suggested. No site is perfect and some may not be known to everyone.

Sites considered and rejected included Bermondsey station (statues would be behind ticket barriers), Spa Gardens and Tanner Street park (lack of security), Paterson park (no site large enough for four statues), Long Lane (narrow footpaths and lack of footfall), Cherry Gardens (past vandalism issues and local opposition), London Bridge river walkway – many potential sites already have artwork

| The criteria considered were: | |
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| A | There is existing surveillance with lighting and CCTV already in place or can be added to site |
| B | Historic relevance (relating to the parliamentary constituency of Dr Salter, the ward and London County Council constituencies for Ada Salter, the areas associated with their work and where they lived) |
| C | High footfall – ie many people will see the sculptures at this site |
| D | Visual considerations of site – the sculptures would “fit” the setting and would be suitable for all four statues (Dr and Ada Salter, Joyce and cat) |



- 1 = St James Churchyard (both funerals of Alfred and Ada Salter were held here)
- 2 = Southwark Park (Ada Salter Memorial Gardens)
- 3 = Bermondsey Wall East (by Angel pub) – near Wilson Grove Salter houses
- 4 = Canada Water (plaza in front of new library)
- 5 = Jamaica Road plaza – near Dr Salter’s original surgery
- 6 = St Mary Magdalen Churchyard – in Dr Salter’s parliamentary constituency
- 7 = Bermondsey Square – in Dr Salter’s parliamentary constituency
- 8 = Tooley Street – the Salters built a play ground for local children in the street

On the site list below it is indicated where the criteria (see opposite) are met.

Please indicate your priority preferences (maximum of three) by writing 1 for favourite site, 2 for next favourite and 3 for third choice.

| | St James church yard | Southwark Park – Ada Salter memorial gardens | Bermondsey Wall East (by Angel pub) | Canada water plaza | Jamaica Road plaza | St Mary Magdalen Church yard | Bermondsey Square | Tooley Street |
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| SITE No. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Criteria met by site | BD | ABD | ABCD | AC | ABCD | ABD | ABCD | ABC |
| 3 priority preferences in order of favourite first (1) then second (2) and third (3) | | | | | | | | |

Your contact details would be appreciated:

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| NAME |
| ADDRESS |
| EMAIL |
| WOULD YOU LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE GROUP? YES/NO |
| ANY OTHER COMMENTS: |