

THE MANCHESTER PETERLOO MEMORIAL: RESPECTFUL, INFORMATIVE, AND PERMANENT

The Peterloo Memorial Campaign is dedicated to ensuring that a fitting memorial is in place for the 200th Anniversary of the Peterloo Massacre in 2019.

Peterloo is a landmark event in the history of British and international democracy. We believe that the people of Greater Manchester deserve a democratic say in the design, location and construction of the memorial, with extensive public consultation and input from inception to completion.

A fitting memorial should be Respectful, Informative, and Permanent.

Respectful

The memorial location must be both prominent and public, on a site of historical significance for the massacre.

It should be of comparable size and quality of materials to other major city centre monuments, with a respectful space around it for people to gather in contemplation or commemoration.

The memorial needs to be an object of civic pride which resonates with the people of Manchester and which expresses the spirit of democracy, economic justice and human rights.

Informative

The memorial should communicate the events of 16th August 1819 on St Peter's Field in Manchester in an easily comprehensible and unflinching way.

We believe the connection of the design to Peterloo should be straightforward and easy to understand, particularly in the light of the fact that many people have only a limited awareness of the massacre.

The memorial needs both to inform and inspire, and should be accompanied by a descriptive plaque, with wording about the massacre similar to the red plaque on the side of the former Free Trade Hall.

Permanent

The memorial should be a permanent and durable object, one that will still be there in 2219, in a fixed location (as described above) to which the public have access at all times.

The memorial could require some form of public interaction to make it complete at each anniversary, as is appropriate for a monument to the ideals of citizenship and democracy, as long as the substantial and meaningful part of it is permanently in place.