

London Open City: geographies of race, migration and mobility

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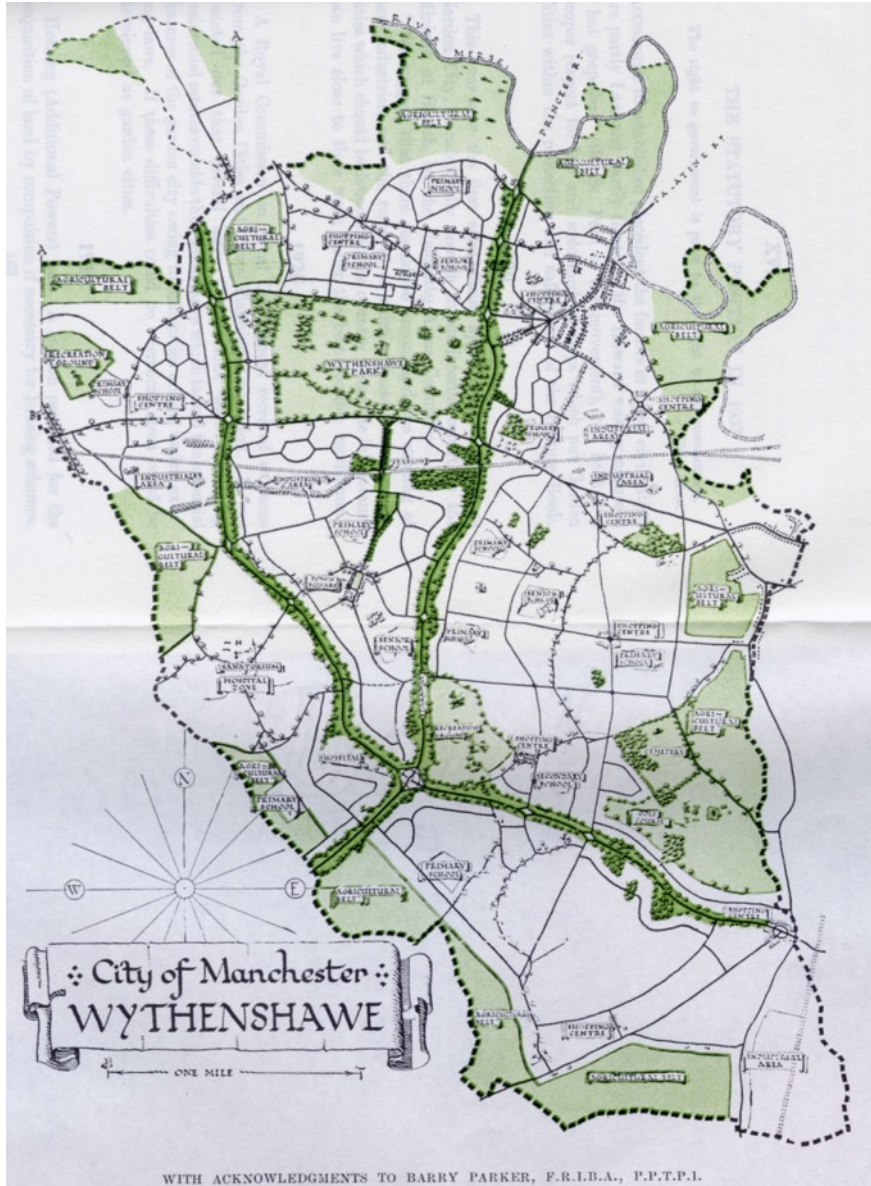
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Why is “open” London of interest?

- Is London an open, and welcoming, city? (at intersections of race, migration and mobility)
- **Is it possible for a progressive sense of place to be “closed”?**
- At what scale do we need to think about the welcoming and unwelcoming city?
- **How is welcoming framed and understood through the idea of openness?**
- How does neighbourliness (living with together) intersect with openness?
- How is the idea of open London represented and received?

A Progressive sense of Place



Hard Edges, Locked Spaces, Permeabilities





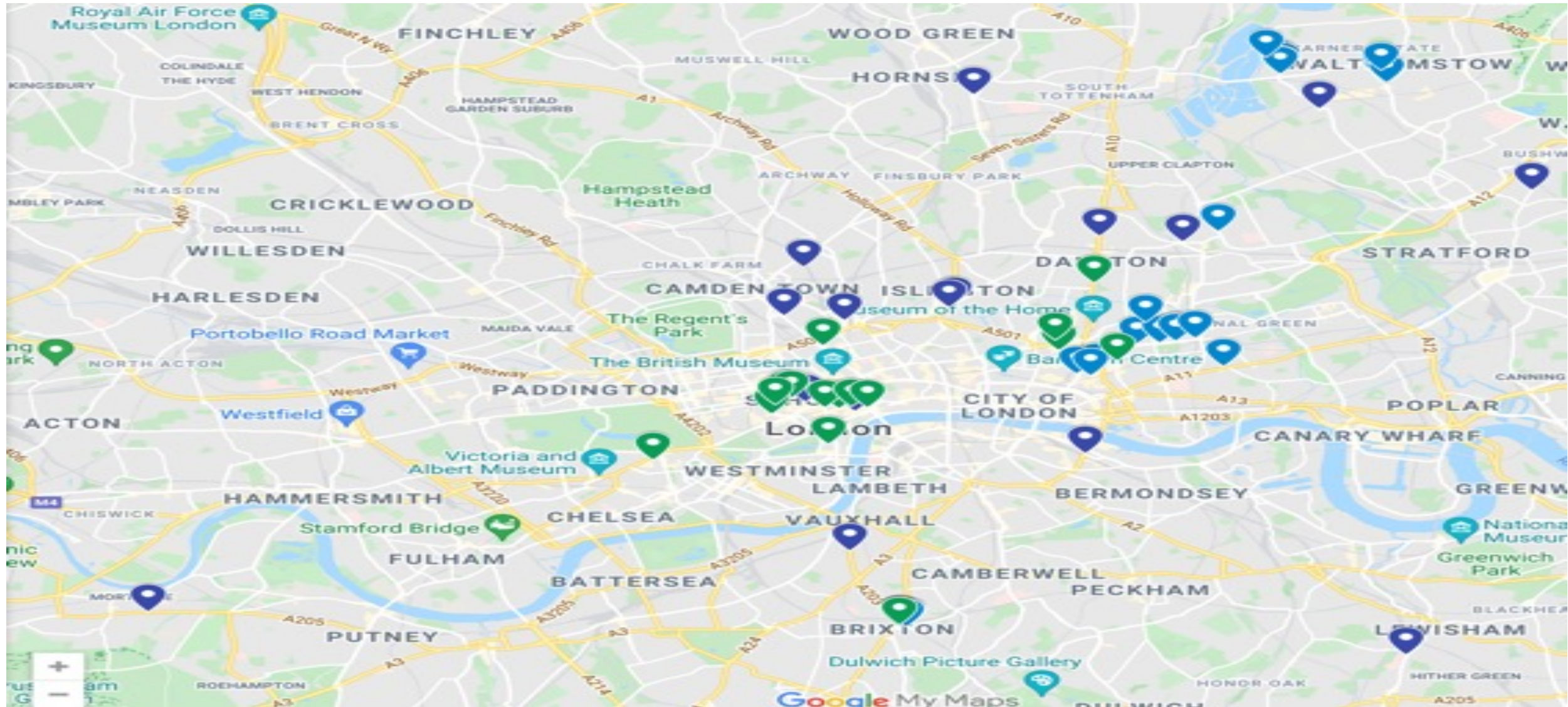
Negotiating Closedness



#LondonIsOpen



Where is London (imagined to be) open? Campaign locations



London as an open signifier: Representations and reactions

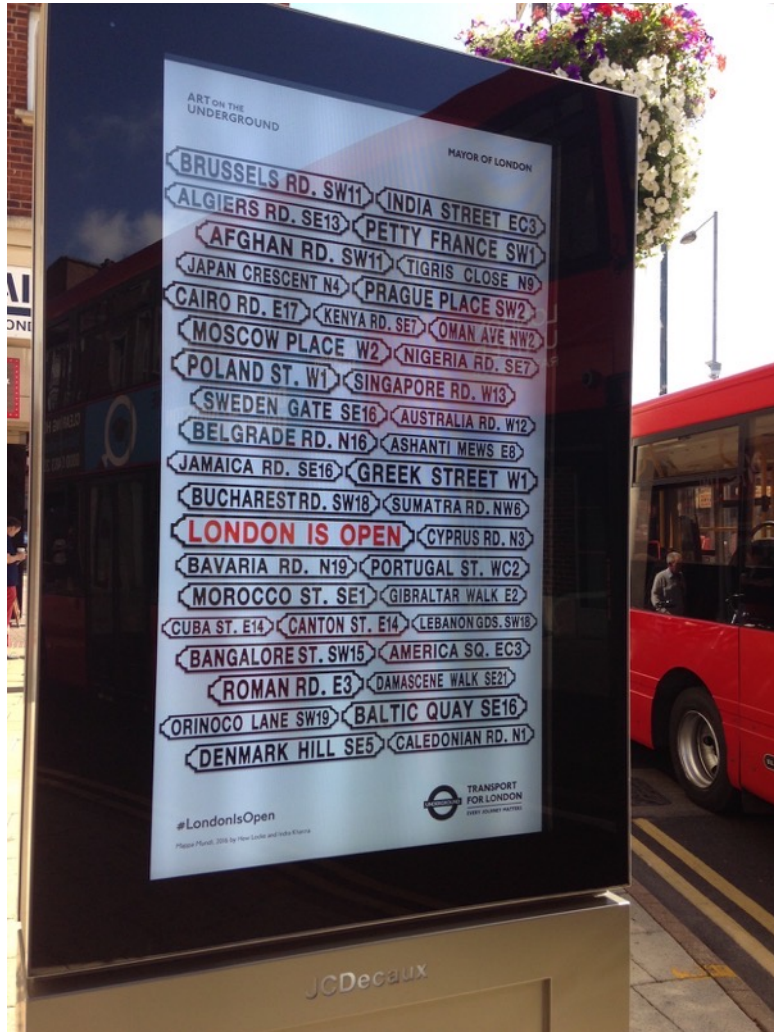
#LondonIsOpen: The campaign

- ...Diverse, welcoming, inclusive
- ...Entrepreneurial, pro-business
- ...Global

#LondonIsOpen: online reactions

- ...Diverse, pro-migrant
- ...Entrepreneurial, pro-business
- ...In crisis – crime, housing
- ...Racist? Reactionary?

Concluding Points: beyond the normative



- Making open places
- What is London open to/and what is not open to?

Concluding Points: The micro-spatialities of permeability



- Normative Conceptions of Openness and a Progressive Sense of Place
- Negotiating Opennesses and Closednesses