

Letter to save Billingsgate Market -
opposition to the intention to change the running of
'Billingsgate' Market.



Dear management of Billingsgate Market,

I am writing to you to express my opposition to your intention to fundamentally change the way that Billingsgate Market in London's East End operates.

People come from far and wide to see Billingsgate. As a customer of the market I am opposed to your proposal to change the working practices of those people who form the very 'heart' of Billingsgate Market. The workers at the market, especially the fish porters are an integral part of this historic market.

I cannot believe that The City of London Corporation has any reason to alter how the market operates. The proposals represent an attack on the ordinary working people who make their living by working at Billingsgate Market, a historic fish market whose history can be traced back to 1327.

The hard work of the fish porters make Billingsgate Market the unique and special place it is. Any attempt by The City of London Corporation to revoke the by-laws at the three London Markets that they have responsibility for will damage the markets.

As a customer I could easily buy my fish at my local supermarket, but I CHOOSE to come to Billingsgate, and I make that choice because of the atmosphere created by those who have worked there for many years. Their dedication and hard work make the market run efficiently and contribute to the great shopping experience I enjoy.

I therefore urge you to reconsider any changes that you may be thinking of, as failure to do so will signal the end of the fish market we all know and love.

I look forward to hearing a positive response from you.

Yours sincerely,

A loyal Billingsgate Market customer

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