

CONSULTATION RESULT

PROPOSAL TO RENAME BUGSBY'S REACH AS WATERMAN'S REACH

In March and April 2014, we consulted on a proposal to rename Bugsby's Reach as Waterman's Reach in commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the 1514 Act of Parliament regulating watermen, wherryemen and bargemen.

There were a total of 47 responses to the consultation, breaking down as follows:

- 10 in favour
- 34 against
- 3 neutral

Those for the change cited the proposal as: 'fitting commemoration of the river's past, present and future working life.'

Those against the proposal felt that: 'historic names should be left alone'; 'Bugsby's Reach is a local name reflected landward in Bugsby's Way'; and 'The lack of information about Bugsby's background should not be a reason to remove his name.'

Having considered the balance and nature of consultation responses, we have decided not to proceed with the proposal to rename Bugsby's Reach.

We extend our thanks to those who took time to respond to the consultation.

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