

Dear Mayor, City Councillors,

Please fix the Spring Bank dam.

I feel certain that the following information could be used to appease all those opposed to the repair of a most necessary artifice. The cost, in my opinion, should not be prohibitive in erecting the proper device, to facilitate the river's most desired commodity, the fish population. Include the cost for this in the over all plan for the splendid design already in Council's hands, for the river front theme park.

Who would like to sit or stand at the water's edge and stare at a pile of half submerged rocks or other unsightly messes? Certainly not London's naturalists, most of us. Or how about the tourist trade. To be lured to London to see our beautiful city, would certainly be a turn off when viewing our water front.

Why leave a derelict structure to rot, eventually becoming an eyesore, after spending millions of dollars to build it in the first place.

Interesting that our city councils of previous years did not consider this, at least 10 years ago. All would be happy; Fork of the Thames River Park lovers, fishermen, conservationists, our indigenous brethren downstream, the whole area. This forward thinking could be a valuable tool to many other jurisdictions facing similar quandaries.

Also this set up would be a wonderful attraction, for people to watch and count how many steps or leaps it would take a 3 pound trout or salmon or many other species to climb from one level of the river to the next.

Am I wrong with this assumption?

Please Click on below.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fish_ladder

Yours truly,
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