

Dear Lord Mayor,

Recently, I took the time to visit the wonderful cathedral which stands in the heart of the city. I was blown away by its rich history – something I hadn't previously appreciated. Therefore, I was devastated when I learned of the planned changes to the building. Before now, I had always believed that you were a brilliant Lord Mayor because of the love you have shown for our city. This is why I have chosen to write to you in a bid to change your mind.

I am sure you are aware of the cathedral's history and role in our city. It has stood on that site since 1327 and over time, it has grown into a magnificent structure– withstanding many devastations along the way. Worship and peace is at the heart of the cathedral's life making the building a hub for an active city. It is not only well equipped to serve the whole community, it is necessary.

In addition to being a place of worship, the cathedral has been a gathering place for all religions through the years by helping people through times of loss. When our city suffered a huge flood in 1984, people sought food and shelter there and after that, they gathered there to mourn, grieve and remember together. Without that, our city may have never recovered.

As well as supporting the community, the cathedral also supports the environment by holding Eco Congregation status. A dedicated team of staff and volunteers have worked to improve the carbon footprint of the cathedral and the community. It encourages its congregation to look at what they can do in their homes and neighbourhoods. Since obtaining this status, the cathedral continues to adapt in order to be more and more eco-friendly.

Considering everything the cathedral has done, how can we allow it to be changed?

It is imperative that you fight to keep it for everyone who has found solace inside its four walls. I am confident you will agree and aim to do the right thing.

Yours Sincerely,

*A very concerned
citizen*

