



Billingsgate Fish Market

Billingsgate Fish Market is the United Kingdom's largest inland fish market. It takes its name from a ward in the south-east of the City of London, where the riverside market was originally established. In its original location in the 19th century, Billingsgate was the largest fish market in the world. In 1982 it relocated from Billingsgate Wharf in Lower Thames Street to a purpose-built 13-acre building complex close to Canary Wharf in Docklands.

McGrath's zero-to-landfill solution was a key factor in the City of London Corporation's decision to select us to provide the Market with twice weekly collections of compacted general waste on a tip and return arrangement.

This involves collecting and transporting the compactors on a rolon-off vehicle and delivering and unloading the waste at our local Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Barking then returning the empty compactors in less than two hours.

Two of the Market's representatives were given a guided tour of McGrath's MRF in Barking to see first-hand how wastes are segregated and re-processed.

The general waste is sorted mechanically and manually at the MRF into individual waste streams for recycling. As much as 98.5% of the wastes are re-processed into new materials with just 1.5% sent for energy recovery.

As part of the contract McGrath is also providing an emergency service to collect and recycle considerable volumes of plastic packaging that the Market produces every day.

All polystyrene collected by McGrath is collated and baled at the MRF then transported to one of our re-processing partners where it is melted and remoulded into household items such as furniture.

Client:
City of London Corporation

Contract:
Collection & Recycling

Duration:
12 months

Start Date:
January 2012

Value:
£60,000 per annum



McGrath's recycling rates comfortably exceed those offered by their competitors and we were extremely impressed with their ability to deliver and report on the re-processing of mixed wastes which helps us comply with our own environmental targets. The close proximity of their facilities also helps us to reduce the transport required and therefore the overall carbon footprint of the process

Malcolm Macleod, Superintendent, Billingsgate Fish Market

