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The Board acknowledges receipt of your email, official correspondence will issue in due course.

Kind regards,

Lauren

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Woodquay Park Enhancement by Galway City Council (GCC)

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to add a voice to the already many voices of the residence of Woodquay the businesses, the schools, the school children the visitors who have advocated passionately for their voices to be heard in regards to the Wooddquay park, indeed the very name of the place points to the central part the park has always had to the area.

I am writing to asking that An Bord Pleanála refuse the planning permission outright sought by Galway City Council who are planning to: **Turn this small Park into a Plaza like space with lots of paths crisscrossing it like Eyre Square and they plan to take out the Railings and gates**

If you have not been to the park or spent time there it is a very special place of which there are very few if any left in the city centre, it is a park in which you can sit and feel alone, feel contained and feel safe, the park is held in with railings and gates and this is one of the

features that make it so special, it is a safe place to bring school children or grandchildren and they are safe, they can play and most importantly they can enjoy nature naturally! if the railings are taken away as GCC plan making it an open space the very heart of the park the value of the park the beauty of the park and the safety that the park provides will be destroyed.

This park has meaning and memories to the people who live in woodquay and like myself the people who visit, would you believe that we have a relationship with the park! And in a world where nature is being destroyed at a vast and terrifying rate it would be incredible traumatic, and I do not use the word lightly for some of the residence if GCC completely destroy the nature of this place by turning it into a *homogeneous* plaza like place that wipes out the indigenous trees, and the heritage hedgerow of hawthorn as well as wiping out the memories attached to the park held by the residences that live there.

Care can be far more powerful then change.

Please consider the value of this place to the people who love and are advocating for it.

With Care,
Victoria