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**Sent:** Monday 11 November 2024 16:37  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Woodquay Park Enhancement. Ref.No:ABP-320938-24.

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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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11th November, 2024.

To: An Bord Pleanala.

To Whom It May Concern.

I am requesting that An Bord Pleanala refuse planning permission for the Woodquay Park Enhancement Project by Galway City Council.

I lived in Corrib Terrace, Woodquay for many years when I practised as a barrister on the Western Circuit.

The Woodquay area is an old heritage area and historical place where the families of fishermen and boat builders have lived for generations.

The park is rich in wildlife and supports important habitats and species. Birds have been nesting in the hedge for years.

It adjoins Lough Corrib, which is a designated Special Area of Conservation.

The park is a recreational amenity for the residents. It is also used by the two local primary schools for recreational and educational purposes.

If this park is developed as proposed, it will disturb the habitats in the Lough Corrib Special Area of Conservation. It is vital that the area is preserved for the conservation of local biodiversity.



The proposed removal of the existing mature trees, which are an asset to the area, is contrary to the Galway City Development Plan 2023 - 2029. The trees are essential to maintaining air quality and the reduction of the impact of noise in this part of the city.

The park provides a healthy green network for the neighbourhood and acts as a shared outdoor garden space for residents.

Catherine Egan , BL.