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From: Lauren Griffin
Sent: Wednesday 13 November 2024 09:35
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Re : Woodquay Park Enhancement. Ref. No: ABP - 320938 - 24

A Chara,

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

Kind regards,

Lauren

From: Carve Workshops [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 11 November 2024 16:36
To: LAPS <laps@pleanala.ie>
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11/11/24
171 sli gheal, ballymoneen road, knocknacarra, Galway.

To An Bord Pleanála

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to ask on An Bord Pleanála to refuse planning permission for the Woodquay Park Enhancement by Galway City Council, for the following reasons:

I am a member of the Kayak Club in Woodquay Galway. It just came to my attention that Galway council wishes to change the Small enclosed Park into a plaza. I see school children from the area playing safely in this park regularly and teacher friends use it to relax and recharge, this is because this is an enclosed park with gates. As the mother of a young child we know how important it is to have such places especially in a busy busy area so close to the city centre, it would be shocking if this was lost to the Community and the schools in the area. Please reject this project and get Galway City Council to engage with the community of Woodquay properly before they decide what to do here. These are the communities that make Galway the city that it is. Eyre Square can be dangerous at night and the likely hood is that this area will be negatively affected by an open plan situation if a plaza goes in here. This is a residential area not like Eyre Square, and it's so much more important that this is protected.

The implications for this community if this Enhancement were to go ahead are huge. We have to remember these houses are small with no gardens. This surely was their community garden. Put there in the past predominantly for the local community. In spending time around the area ive gotten to know many lical and have grown to understand how very precious this safe space is to the community, particularly the elderly and those with young children. There are lots of pubs very close to the park. If this goes ahead those residents' environment will change forever. This change can really have the power to change forever one of the oldest communities in Galway city for the worst. Please refuse this planning. The spaces are important, let's not lose the soul of Galway. Talk to the locals, a plaza will 100% affect their day to day but will make very little difference to the wider community, I beg of you.

Please refuse this

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With kind regards,
Grace O Connell

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