

**Submission/Observation to An Bord Pleanála RE: Upgrade and Enhancement of  
Woodquay Park and Surrounding Public Realm.**

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An Board Pleanála  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Pursuant to the application for planning permission from An Board Pleanála for the upgrade and enhancement of Woodquay Park and surrounding public realm located on the R866 Road Woodquay, Galway City Co. Galway I wish to make the following observations relating to *'the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area concerned'*:

I am the owner of no 8 Walsh's Terrace Woodquay Galway and I am in principle in favour of this overall development which will serve to enhance this neighbourhood's position as the gateway to the city.

However, as you will see from the attached drawings and illustrations, there have been a number of changes from the initial Revised Concept Design which directly impacts my property in terms of accessibility and potential for future disruption.

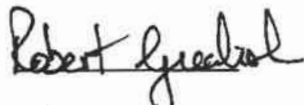
Of immediate concern is the vehicular access to my property at 8 Walsh's Terrace. As you will note from Fig C, Fig D & Fig G – the proposed width of the new access road to my house is set at 3,150mm (3.15 meters). As per the planning granted by Galway City Council on my property

(Planning Register Reference No. 11/154 - see Fig H below) the vehicular entrance is fixed at 3.2m in accordance with the requirements of the Galway City Council Development Plan (21-011 – 2017). It is my contention that the proposed access road should, at the very least, exceed this fixed opening of 3.2 meters and should be constructed to the industry standard of 3.6 meters (12 feet).

It is clear from the Revised Concept Design (Fig A) that the 10 Cycle Stands and 5 Motor Cycle Spaces were to be located at the edge of the park away from my property. This would enable patrons to park their bicycles and motor cycles and immediately enter the park without crossing a main thoroughfare thus satisfying *proper planning and sustainable development*. As a member of the Woodquay Residents Association, I attended the meeting where public consultation was sought in relation to the proposed Revised Concept Design.

In June the Developed Concept Design (Fig B) contained a significant change with the Cycle Station to be relocated in front of my property 8 Walsh's Terrace. The most recent planning application now contains a further amendment which impacts my property. 4 Motor Cycle spaces have now been added to the 10 Cycle Hire Stands in an already confined area which will be further restricted due to infrastructural changes demanded by the recently approved Galway BusConnects Cross-City Link. In the interests of *proper planning and sustainable development* I am asking the Board to revert to the initial design proposed in the Revised Concept Design Fig A which locates the 10 Cycle Hire Stands (10) and 5 Motor Cycle Spaces (9) along the boundary of the park, with the area directly in front of 8 Walsh's Terrace free of any and all obstructions.

Yours faithfully,



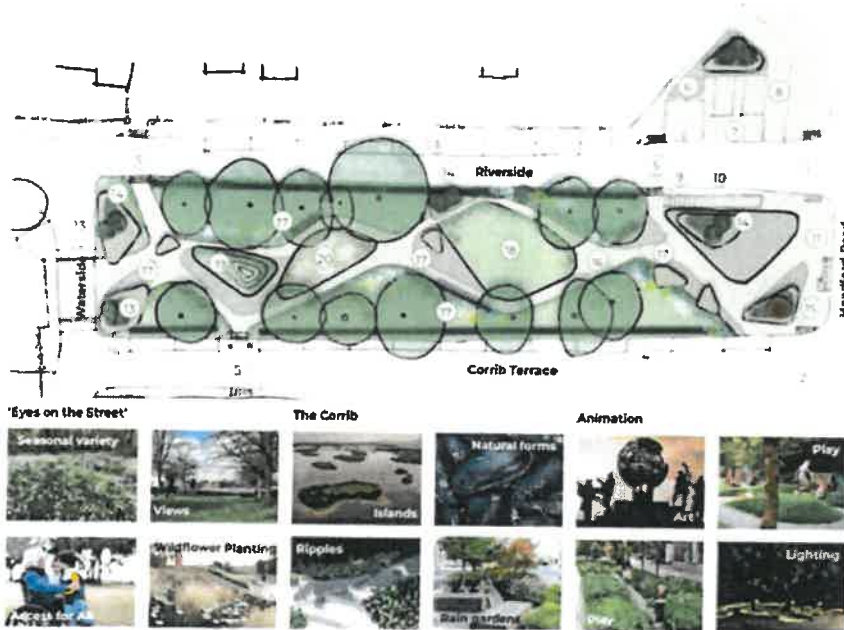
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Fig A



## Revised Concept Design



## Woodquay Park

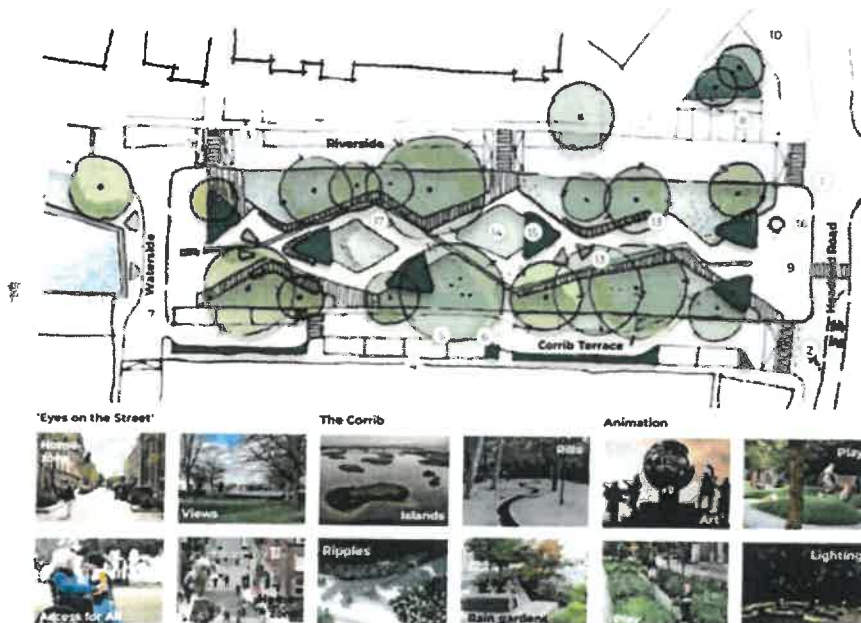
### Proposed changes

1. Two-way access maintained to Riverside
2. One-way access created to Corrib Terrace
3. Metered parking spaces provided on Riverside which can be re-allocated to the locations shown
4. 15 metered parking spaces provided on Corrib Terrace adjacent the Corrib. These will be re-allocated to the locations shown
5. Tree preservation markings provided to enhance amenity and show through the park to the river. One Sycamore, one Alder and one Birch will be preserved
6. Two EV charging points maintained on Riverside
7. Two additional EV charging points provided, allowing for ramp access
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Fig B



## Developed Concept Design



## Woodquay Park

### Proposed changes

1. Two-way access would be maintained to Riverside
2. One-way access would be created to Corrib Terrace
3. Metered parking spaces would be provided on Riverside
4. 12 metered parking spaces would be provided on Corrib Terrace
5. Corrib Terrace would be designed to be a zone for pedestrian parking, which would enhance life on the streets
6. Parking spaces on Corrib Terrace would be designed to be a zone for pedestrian parking, which would enhance life on the streets
7. Design would continue to the end of the park at Waterside to improve physical and visual connection to the Corrib
8. 2 additional EV charging points would be provided within a reconfigured area on Riverside
9. 10 parking spaces would be lost adjacent Headford Road, which becomes part of the park
10. Cycle hire station to be relocated to this area
11. 3 trees would be removed. One Grey Alder would be removed from the centre of the park, one Sycamore from the river. One Sycamore, one Alder and one Birch would be preserved from the riparian area of the park. The Alder is a young tree and of low value. The Sycamore is a young tree and of low value.
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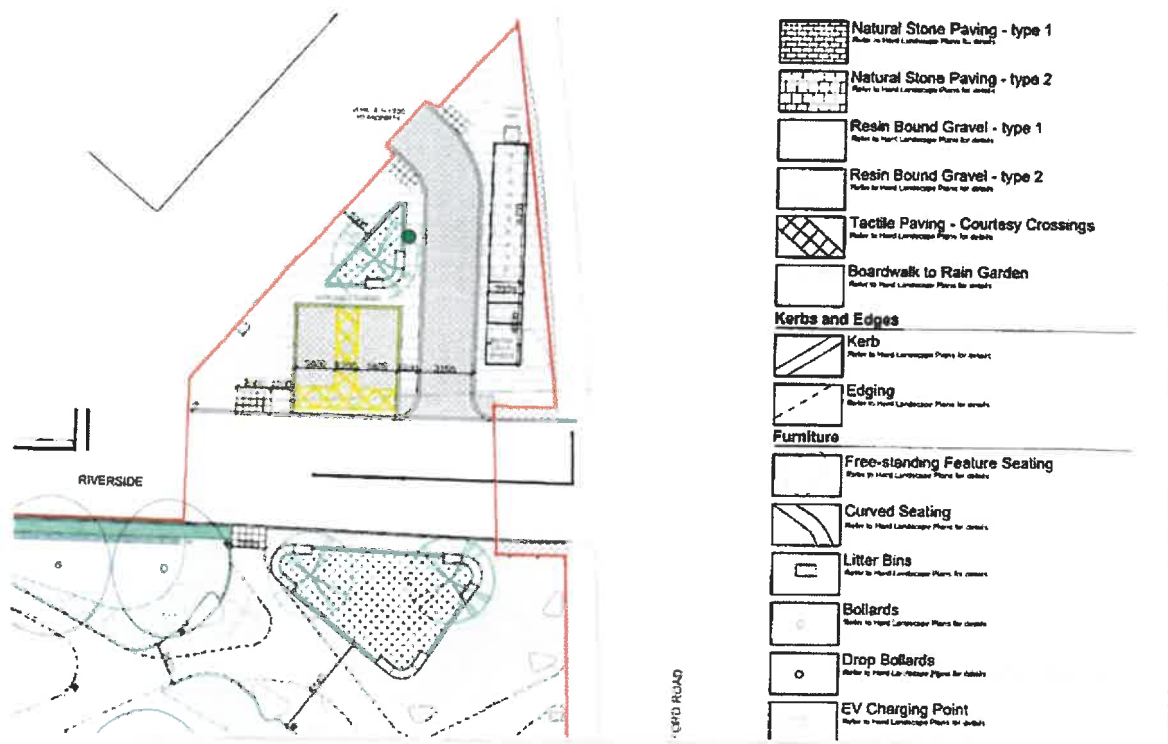


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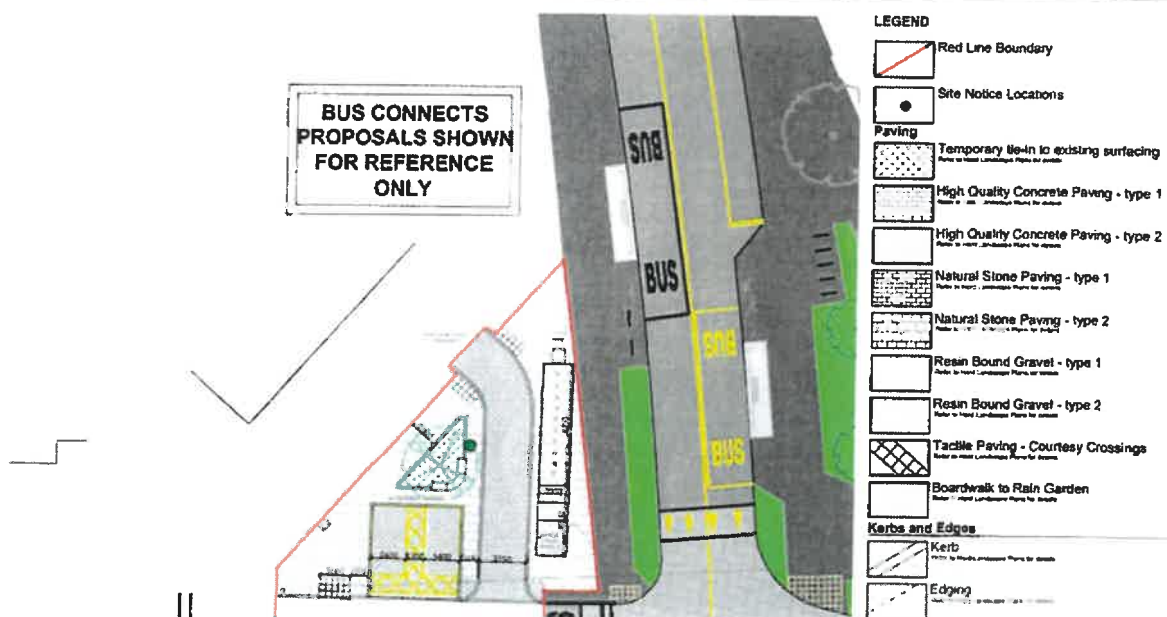




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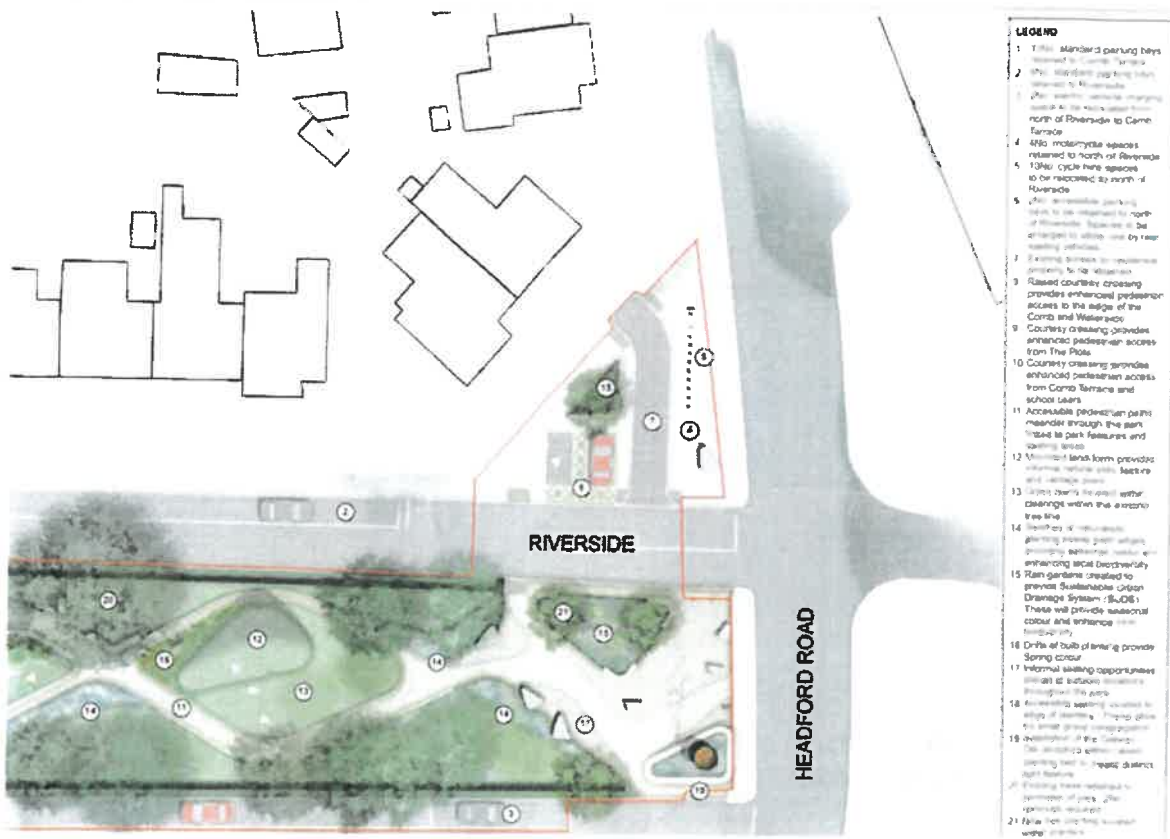
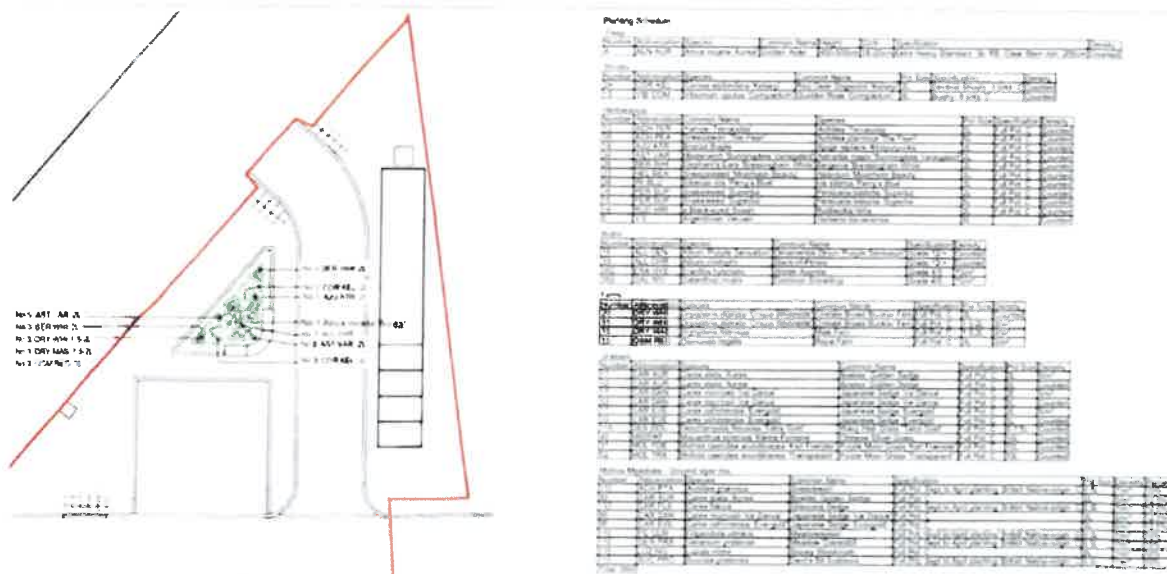


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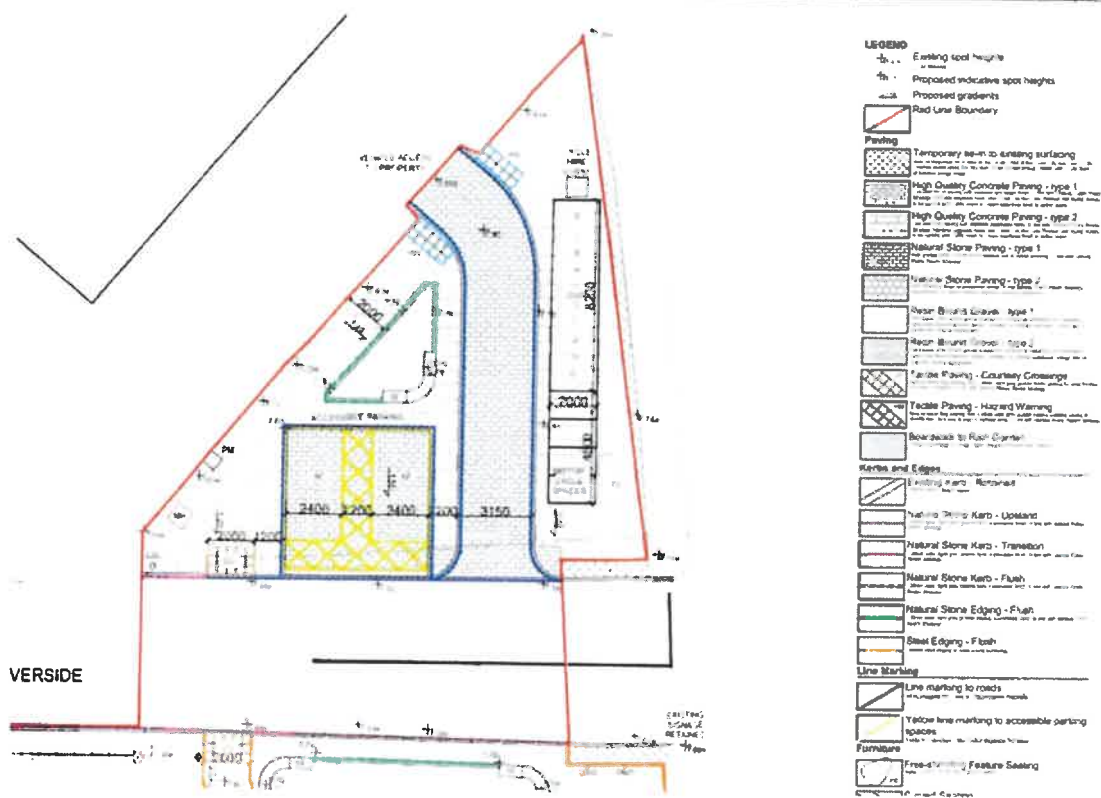


Fig H

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO IN MANAGER'S ORDER NO. 61283

PLANNING REGISTER REFERENCE NO. 11/154

- 1 The development shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the application made on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011, as clarified by the further information received on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011, and subject to the conditions hereinafter incorporated.

**REASON:**

To ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the permission and that effective control is maintained.

- 2 Dropped kerbs shall be provided to the footpath for the full width of the proposed vehicular entrance, which shall have a maximum width of 3.2m, in accordance with the requirements of Galway City Council Development Plan (2011-2017) and the footpath shall be reconstructed for the full width of the driveway entrance, material to match existing.

**REASON:**

In the interests of the visual amenities of the area.

- 3 A front elevation of the proposed 1.2m high sliding railing, which shall not open outwards over the public footpath, shall be submitted to the City Council for agreement within 3 months of the Final Grant of this permission.

**REASON:**

In the interests of the visual amenities of the area.

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