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Woodquay Park Enhancement by Galway City Council (GCG)

9, Corrib Terrace.

Woodquay

Galway

4.11.24

Dear Sir/Madam

<b>AN BORD PLEANÁLA</b>	
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Time: _____	By: <i>Post</i>

I ask An Bord Pleanála to please refuse planning permission for the following reasons.

- 1) Removal the Railings
- 2) Misleading Notice on Park Railings and on the plan with 20 'Proposed Changes' both stating nothing about the removal of the Railings

First I want to say, I have heard from one of the Woodquay Committee that this plan is taking down the railings. It does not say that on the notice that is on the very railings they want to take down!

Removing the railings and gates, will make this park become an open invitation to the late night drinkers that are very prevalent in Galway City. I am a retired taxi driver in the City and spent a lot of time on the taxi rank in Eyre Square. Eyre Square is less than five minutes walk from the park at the front of my house. If even a small amount of the anti-social behaviour of Eyre Square were to come down here, Woodquay would become a No-Go area at night, like the Square is. No amount of policing could prevent this.

Woodquay has 7 or 8 pubs alone and upper Woodquay can be very loud into the night. But where the park is, is all houses and our side is a terrace with no gardens. I wasn't at the Open Day it was a bank holiday and I was away and I never even heard about it before I left. The City Council are leaving us in the dark.

What are the schools going to do without the railings and gates? It's great to see the kids playing in the park in safety. What if a child were to run out on the road? And the river is right beside the park too. The teachers can only do so much and they always close the gates to keep them safe. The railings have to stay. I have lived here all my life. I don't know what Galway council were thinking about, I'll be getting on to my local councillors about this.

Please refuse this planning permission.

Yours



Les Burke