

Appeal for a Famine Ship Memorial at:



The Celia Griffin Childrens Park

Grattan Beach

25 Melody's Court
Renmore
Galway

Tues. Feb .18th 14

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We are writing in support of the above referenced Planning Application and are pleased to do so. There are many grounds upon which the expansion of Galway Docks might receive your favourable consideration, but we are particularly in favour of the application mainly because we think that it can be truthfully said that Galway is the Gateway to the West for visitors to Ireland. This being so we are sure that many people visiting here would, were the port facilities there to receive them, choose to come by sea.

Our group have recently completed the creation of the Galway Famine Memorial, which is dedicated to the many ships which rescued thousands of people fleeing disease and starvation during the Great Famine. The monument honouring the captains and crews of these ships stands on the shores of Galway and in its brief existence it has attracted many visitors. There is also a memorial to the children who perished in the Great Famine at the same site which we believe to be the only Famine Memorial in the world dedicated to the memory of child victims. We are sure that, in time, this unique memorial will attract many thousands of visitors. Were these visitors able to come by sea to Galway it would greatly enhance their experience of visiting this unique memorial.

We are sure that the many commercial and trade advantages to the City of Galway and the Western Region which have been listed by others for your consideration in support the above application, speak strongly and convincingly of the feasibility and necessity of the plan. For our part we hope that the existence of the Galway Famine Memorial will help, together with those other facts, to lead you to a decision in favour of the application.

In closing let me say that should you and your family or any of your staff and their families happen be visiting Galway this coming summer please do not hesitate to get in touch with us and we will be happy to take you on a guided tour of the Galway Famine Memorial at the Celia Griffin Memorial Park, Grattan Beach.

Yours sincerely,

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