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First of all I would love to know who named this route as the emerging favoured route. Favoured by who exactly? When over 40 homes will have to be demolished and another 40 homes seriously affected by it. My Dad bought Dangan house as a family home in 1963, and now myself and my brother with our new families live and run a nursery garden centre for the past 41 years. The House itself is of historical value, built in 1841 we have painstakingly restored this house and its grounds, pouring every spare penny into the restoration over this period, which has become an institution to all our customers who love coming here and to Dangan.

Ref- Objection to construction of N6 Galway City Ring Road /Outer Bypass

I have to say, in order to demonstrate the lack of care and consideration to a historical place like Dangan House, that one of the of the routes they were to choose from was a route that was going right through the 180 year old walled garden, on stilts and within 30 metres of the main house. This demonstrates to me that there was absolutely no regard for any one along these routes, and it didn't matter who, what, or how many homes, historical or otherwise, were to be affected.

We are situated here in Dangan House right in the middle of a main amenity, recreationally zoned area. Literally thousands of people both NUIG students and general public, from both sides of the river come to jog, walk, exercise their pets, play every kind of sport, including rowing on the river, and relax and unwind from the hustle and bustle of Galway city. It is the last place within the city limits that has the peace and tranquillity that Dangan offers. All this can disappear in one stroke of a pen, and a hideous motorway on stilts drives right through this special place of Dangan. It also seriously impacts NUIG sports facilities, towering over and through two sports fields and through part of their pavilion.

If this road goes ahead Dangan is destroyed for ever, and can never be put back. We are in ear shot here of the Quincenntenial bridge that goes across the River Corrib and is more than a kilometre away. This proposed road is only 150 metres away from Dangan House and going right through what is, after the promenade in Salthill, one of the most loved, cherished, and most used places in Galway for all the reasons I have mentioned already.

In this day and age with such an international human cry about reducing co2 emmissions, and the over use of the car, what is this road going to do? It will just compound the whole problem, and create more space for more cars. We are totally going in the wrong direction, and way, way behind modern thinking, it reducing car use and gearing towards public transport. Galway city is in a unique place where the city is locked between the sea and the second largest lake in Ireland, which is linked



to the sea with one of the shortest rivers In Europe, of all of about 5 kilometers. One would think our leaders would propose a very cheap (if not free) and very regular transport system instead of more roads going through this city and destroying the very small space we have in the first place.

One would think that our leaders are trying to sabotage this city so badly as to try and get support from the very frustrated public to get something in place to reduce traffic, when you see them digging the roads, doing repairs, hedge cutting, during the busiest times of the year. All this as well as never, ever, putting a bus service from the most populated area in the west of the city across the Quinncentenial Bridge to the largest industrial area on the east size. One would have to think that they have an ulterior motive, to propose, not a ring road, or a bypass, but a drive through.

We have only got 12 years left to save not just Dangan but the planet its self. Please I beg of you and look outside the corporate box and turn down this hideous plan for all our sakes.

Yours sincerely

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