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Submitted to Proposed Draft Variation No 6 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016 - 2022: Marrowbone Lane (Including DCC Depot lands), Dublin 8
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Introduction

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I felt the variation being proposed here is short sighted in the extreme. To those living in it, the Liberties is a jewel in the heart of the city. It has its issues, many of which are as a result of a chronic lack of infrastructure and facilities, particularly for teenagers. These facilities most other towns in the country take for granted. The population of The Liberties in 2015 was over 23,000, that's similar in size to Tralee, Naas and Carlow. If you were to take away every playing pitch and team from those towns I wonder how the community would react or how soon anti-social behaviour would spiral out of control. Yet, here we are looking for the most modest of facilities, facilities that are within the remit of DCC to provide and the offer in this space is one 7 a side pitch and a smaller pitch for 4 a size which let's face it is not a pitch at all.

It appears that the approximate size of the site is similar to the site Diagio are looking to develop mere meters away. Diagio are looking to create a world class residential / business/ commercial quarter in the heart of the city. It appears that DCC are proposing to consolidate a large number of its depots and vehicles into this site and create a super depot. Something that could easily be accommodated on the fringe of the city.

A site of this magnitude requires an ambitious plan. That plan should enhance the Liberties and potentially the city as a whole. Why not create a sports facility here for the whole of the city, but one where local people can really utilise....

I would suggest DCC have a duty to implement the Liberties local area plan at the very least. This variation goes against the principles of that plan. In providing a couple of parks in the locality over the last year DCC have started to address the complete neglect the area has suffered over the last number of decades. (Its worth noting that in the last few years we have also lost a community centre on Francis Street.) But a few crumbs from the DCC table neither addresses the needs of the area (particularly the teenagers of the area) or should be allowed to detract from the local area plan or a more ambitious plan to ensure the future prosperity of the area, which this variation if passed will surely do.

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