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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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I am writing to oppose the placement of a depot at Marrowbone Lane, as the Green Party representative for the South West Inner City.

The depot consolidation project is a huge opportunity and broadly a welcome idea, but I am concerned that the current proposal to place one superdepot at Marrowbone Lane lacks vision, ambition for the area, and is misplaced.

This part of Dublin 8 has an acute lack of green space - something noted in Council strategies and plans for several years, not least the Liberties Greening Strategies. The growth of team sports in the area has been hampered by lack of facilities, and existing teams are forced to travel or leave the area. Smaller pitches are useful, but a full-size, multi-sports pitch would retain and develop local teams. Aside from the health benefits of team sports, they have a vital social effect on a traditionally deprived area.

Despite the development of Weaver Park, the area has around 70 times less green space than the Dublin average. The depot - as relatively undeveloped, council-owned land - could be used to rectify this problem with extra provision for housing, green space, and other facilities.

Were a private company proposing a depot in this space, it would doubtlessly be ruled as inappropriate - spaces like should be either in industrial estates or on land with less dense residential development around.

Aside from the impacts on the immediate area, the site could also help tie together other parts of the city, including St. James' Gate and the Digital Hub.

There is rightly broad support for the consolidation project, and many of those objecting to this variation would be keen to work with the council to find suitable alternative sites.

I would ask you to reconsider the use of this valuable land for housing, sports and open space.

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