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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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To whom it may concern,

Please find attached our submission on the Proposed Draft Variation No 6 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2016 - 2022: Marrowbone Lane (including DCC Depot lands), Dublin 8.

We look forward to hearing from you on this important matter.

Many thanks in advance.

Tara Deacy and Jen Cummins

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Submission to DCC for the Marrowbone Lane Site, the Liberties.

We held a public meeting on December 11th in St. Catherine's Sports Hall to discuss the proposals being made by DCC for the Marrowbone Lane site in the Liberties. The attendees consisted of community representatives, residents, representatives from sporting and other recreational groupings alongside concerned parents. We also received written correspondence from individuals that were unable to attend to outline their concerns around this crucial site in the heart of the city.

Some of the key issues that emerged during this meeting around the proposals include:

- The lack of community consultation
- The lack of transparency in terms of the decisions making process around planning decisions
- The lack of a democratic process
- The lack of green space
- The need to ensure this area is able to grow as a community with proper facilities
- The need to ensure that there is green space for sporting and community recreational purposes. As it stands there is no adequate sporting infrastructure for the young people in this area in terms of providing key prevention activities like team sports etc.

The view of all those present was that **the proposal to provide a super depot should not be accepted.** A revised variation to provide primarily for housing and other facilities and much needed open space must be considered.

It was highlighted that this should include significant prior consultation with local communities, sporting organizations, and other stakeholders.

The provision of a low intensity super depot use here does not make sense in terms of sustainable planning and development. Depots like this belong in industrial estates, not in a lively city centre. It makes little sense in terms of sustainable development. What is alarming is that the proposal goes against the council's own development plan, which states: "Open space and recreation areas are a key component to quality of life for citizens and visitors to the city."

The council's Liberties greening strategy puts forward a vision for a network of new urban parks, with refurbished green spaces and play areas. Sticking a "super depot" in the heart of old Dublin is a sure way to kill this vision dead.

This proposal also shows a low ambition for the Liberties and no vision for how this large central site could transform the area if properly developed for housing, open space, and other uses.

Significant extra housing and other facilities as well as much needed open space should be provided, relocating the super depot to a more appropriate location.

We have also included an article written by Tara Deacy for the Times and another written by Una Mullally for your perusal.

We would as a consortium welcome a meeting to discuss these issues further, should there be any need for further clarification please feel free to get in touch with us.

Regards

Tara Deacy and Jennifer Cummins