

Good morning,

I write with reference to the proposed purchase of redundant land off Crown Score Lowestoft.

There has been discussion on the High St with regards to the purchase of a piece of land and it's proposed use by MECG. I am raising some personal concerns around this and would like them to be taken into consideration please.

1. Is there a need for a garden that will be quite hard to see/find? If the nature of the garden is for the community, what section of the community do you envisage using it?
2. If there is a thought to engage with the families on the High St/Compass St then could I please ask that the committee looks back at other proposals for parks/gardens/community spaces at Compass St park? I was a member of MECG during the time of consultations with the public/HAZ/Helen Johnson about the possibility of a 'Pocket Park'. We worked hard to engage with the families on Compass St for their support but this didn't materialise (though we did have the chance to discuss ideas with two children whilst holding an outdoor meeting). How do LTC plan to engage the community?
3. What if this engagement doesn't materialise? Who will maintain the land, clearing it etc? What will then become of it?
4. I have recently been at a MECG meeting at which it seemed to me that LTC were working in partnership with MECG on this project but that has been denied by Mr Pearce. He contacted me last week to tell me this following a conversation in the street with another High St resident. I would then ask the question...has careful thought and consideration been given to this project, it's viability and potential to reach fruition, taking into account previous attempts by MECG to engage with the local community? What does the community want/need? Could the time and money be better spent revisiting the previous idea of the Pocket Park as this could possibly be a better use of space for the local kids?

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns, I look forward to hearing from you in due course,