

Initial email

Dear Sirs /Madam,

On hearing about the proposal for L.T.C to purchase a redundant overgrown piece of land on the cliff on Crown Score. Myself and others have a number of questions and concerns regarding the feasibility of this proposal.

COST.

1. Initial cost of the Land.
2. Cost of clearing said piece of Land.
3. Cost of Landscaping.
4. Cost of ongoing remedial work.
5. Cost of security.
6. Cost of Insurance.
7. Cost of Lighting.
8. Cost of maintaining footpaths and retaining the Perimeter Wall.

ACCESS.

The proposed site is not appropriate for disabled access. To reach the flat portion of the entrance is rather a long distance from the High Street if it is necessary to avoid the steps.

OPEN SPACE.

We have locally been provided with a new linear park on the Denes. Sparrows Nest, Belle Vue Park and for the more natural surroundings of North Denes.

HANGING GARDENS OF LOWESTOFT.

Historically there may have been Hanging Gardens, however this was prior to high levels of industry becoming established on Whapload Road and the Scores.

The Gardens would have been visible from the North Beach. The proposal will be situated at the rear of the Paint Factory and surrounded by other Industry and Birdseye Staff Parking. There will no panoramic view looking East from the Gardens as they will be shrouded by industry.

We feel that this a very poorly conceived proposal. We have grave concerns about the potential merit and benefit to Lowestoft in this economically deprived town. We feel that this project could potentially be a mill stone for future generations. We are also very concerned about the plot of land being used as a magnet for antisocial behaviour and illicit activities.

As Council Tax payers we feel it would be more prudent for those that represent the Electorate to be more transparent and open with how our portion of Council Tax revenue is being spent.

Response from officers

Thank you for your email which has been forwarded on to me – please note the original did not arrive as you had spelt my surname incorrectly.

As the only officer of the Town Council copied into the email, I would very much appreciate it if you could let me know how you obtained/heard the suggested information about Crown Score?

Any initial stage considerations the Council may have had on this subject, or any similar possible legal transfers or land purchases, would always be conducted in confidential session.

Regards,
Sarah

Reply from member of the public

Dear Sarah

Apologies for misspelling your name.

In response to your email, we became aware of the proposal through general gossip on the High Street.

After becoming aware that there was a piece of land for purchase, we googled 'The Hanging Gardens of Lowestoft' and read a recent article which spoke of the history of the gardens with a photo of a plot of land which we then recognised as the Crown Score.