For the attention of Councillor Alan Green, Mayor of Lowestoft and Town Council Committee Members.

Thank you for the tributes paid to Councillor Sue Barnard as reported in the Friday February 5, 2021 issue of Lowestoft Journal.

Since hearing of the sad news that our 'dedicated and energetic ' town councillor has died , I, like so many of her friends, are saddened by the news; but  have also have been inspired by her intellect, enthusiasm, concern and hard work for everything which helps to support and develop our unique town of Lowestoft. She was actively involved in many Heritage and Environmental projects; and had the ability to enable others to use their skills and knowledge to preserve and promote all that she was passionate about.

Like Sue, I attended the Harris Secondary Modern school and later, after University,  taught all ages and abilities at Great Yarmouth College of Education.  We benefited from many different types of learning experiences for all students  which were initiated after the traumas of the Second World War; and  with our own students we continued to convey the belief  that  everyone has something to contribute to their community. Now ,after we have come through the pandemic and because so many different groups will want to pay respect for Sue's work and wishes for the future . I would like to suggest the following :-

**1.Every new development includes a 'SUE SPACE  '** this would be an environmental green space which would bring plants and wild life back to our town centre.It could be in, some instances, quite small or larger with a quiet seated area , but always ensuring  disabled access.

Some examples could be a green planted area in the renovated Town Hall, a designated spot in the Gunton Residential area , a small planting near the harbour area or as part of a historical trail through the town.

Regarding a larger more transforming development, I would like to add that I envisage the future of town centres as moving away from being totally shopping and commercial centres.

 Lowestoft has so much to offer for the visitor. Transport into the centre by bus or train., Shops, Theatre and short walks to the Beach, East Point or Historic Lowestoft. The old  Tesco's town centre site would make an ideal Hotel, for example a Premier Inn  and the previous Westgate store a green park area.

Thank you again for the recognition  given to Sue, as The Town Mayor, Alan Green said, 'Sue was a dedicated  councillor......environment was her main thing .....and she was a really good person.

As her friend , I know she would appreciate those comments and passing planning which includes a 'SUE SPACE'  would help to protect the town's environment in the future.

Jennifer Tucker.