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From: Ellen Ryan <jelleryan@comcast.net>
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To: planning@southeast-ny.gov
Subject: Proposed zoning of route 22

Dear Mr. La Perch:

Thank you for inviting me to comment on the proposed zoning changes for Route 22 during Monday's Public Hearing. Further to my comments, I wonder if the Planning Board would consider recommending that the Town Board and/or the Highway Department change the use of Old Milltown Road to a local Traffic Road and also to reduce the speed limit on Milltown Road. I predict that the new development on Route 22 will increase the Connecticut short-cutters on Old Milltown Road as well as the Milltown Road traffic to and from New Fairfield. Now there are almost weekly accidents, 24 hour high speeding and regular illegal passing on this Route in the Historic Milltown Area. With greater incentive to avoid the entire area north of Milltown Rd on the Route 22, I fear that Old Milltown and Milltown will become even more dangerous speedways than they are now.

I recognize that traffic control is not usually the concern of the Planning Board and these changes do not come within its jurisdiction. However, as above, I am hoping that the planning board might make these recommendations to the Town Board and the Highway department because in my view increased dangers to the Milltown area are a foreseeable result of the Route 22 rezoning. As I also said Monday, I do support the proposal for the rezoning. Thank you for your consideration.

James ("Jay") Ryan
Chairman, the Milltown Association=

