## **Concerned Residents of South Blooming Grove**

Village of South Blooming Grove South Blooming Grove, NY 10950

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Planning Board Village of South Blooming Grove 811 NY-208 Monroe, NY 10950

Dear Members of the Planning Board,

We, the undersigned residents of South Blooming Grove, are excited about the growth and development taking place in our community, including the Capital Hill project. While we fully support the responsible expansion of our village, we believe it is essential that the planning process ensures the safety and well-being of all residents.

To achieve this, we strongly urge the Planning Board to consider constructing a new road from the Capital Hill development directly to the NY 208 Highway. This solution would effectively balance traffic flow and prevent the overburdening of Merriewold Lane South, a residential street that is already under pressure from local traffic.

Our key concerns include:

## 1. Traffic Impact on Merriewold Lane South

Merriewold Lane South lacks sidewalks, making it a hazardous route for pedestrians. This street serves as a main route for families walking to and from the supermarket on Mangin Rd. Additionally, many children play on this street, and increased traffic could significantly elevate the risks they face. Specific concerns include:

- Congestion: An influx of vehicles from the new development would create severe congestion, particularly during peak times.
- Air Quality: Higher traffic volumes would contribute to poorer air quality in our neighborhood, affecting residents' health.
- Noise: The increased noise from additional traffic would disturb the peace and quiet of our residential area.
- Pedestrian Safety: With no sidewalks, pedestrians—particularly children—would be at a much greater risk of accidents.

## 2. Impact on Emergency Response Services

Merriewold Lane South is also home to the ambulance emergency response garage. Increased traffic on this road could obstruct emergency vehicles, causing dangerous delays in response times and compromising public safety. Ensuring that emergency services can operate efficiently is a top priority for our community.

## 3. Impact During the Construction Phase

We are also concerned about the impact of the construction phase of this large development. Given that the construction is expected to take an extended period of time, the area could experience prolonged disruptions, including heavy construction traffic, noise, and dust. These factors could negatively affect the quality of life for residents, making it even more critical to mitigate traffic and other impacts by ensuring a direct connection to the NY 208 Highway.

We believe that connecting the Capital Hill development directly to the NY 208 Highway would address these concerns while supporting the growth of our community. This approach would distribute traffic more evenly, reducing the burden on local roads and ensuring a safer environment for everyone.

Thank you for your attention to these important issues. We trust that the Planning Board will make decisions that protect the interests and safety of all South Blooming Grove residents.

Sincerely,

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