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Comprehensive Plan Review Committee
Town of Washington
Millbrook, New York 12545

To the Members of the CPRC,

Thank you for the time and energy you are devoting to this important undertaking.

I would like to express my opinion that the only reason the town's comprehensive plan should be in any way amended is to block any resort style hotels. Our town's rural character is a vital part of what keeps us here. Small scale hospitality, such as the Cottonwood Hotel and the Millbrook Inn are much more appropriate to our town. They are also much more affordable and accessible than an upscale 'boutique' hotel.

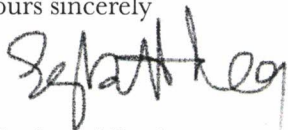
The notion that a boutique hotel with its own spa, restaurant, etc. would be beneficial to the village of Millbrook's economy is specious. Visitors to that type of luxury resort will stay on the property and will add little, if nothing, to our village. Silo Ridge is a prime example of a luxury property that was touted as a tremendous economic boon to the town of Amenia. Instead, they have 42 pending lawsuits against the town of Amenia, to grieve their taxes. Let's not fool ourselves that a resort of the type that Will Guidara and his high powered investors propose will be good for our town. It will be an unmitigated disaster, both environmentally and financially.

From an environmental perspective, there is already a water issue in our town. Allowing a high end, high touch boutique hotel in our midst would further serve to deepen our water issues : not enough water; treated water being rejected by farm animals; on- site waste water treatment plants spilling over into our groundwater, etc. Flooding is already becoming a larger issue for our town : all the land clearing and newly paved roads for a project of this sort would only serve to add greatly to this problem.

Please DO NOT allow our comprehensive plan to be amended for the whims of New York City investors.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Mandy", written in a cursive style.

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