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Chairman Gosselin and Planning Board Members,

MILLBURY PLANNING BOARD

We are writing this letter in **adamant opposition** to the 52 duplex units proposed by McLaughlin Family Trust and the Whitney Street Home Builders, LLC at 17 Rice Road. We believe that the McLaughlin Family Trust and Whitney Street Home Builders, LLC have every right to build on the property at 17 Rice Road, but this should be done **without the need for special permits or variances**. The proposed plan would change the entire dynamic of the current community for the worse.

Rice Road already serves as a cut-through street and cars drive incredibly fast, adding 52 units would drastically increase the volume of traffic on this small road. The woods behind our house have served as a noise buffer for the passing trains on the Providence-Worcester Railroad. The light pollution generated by the proposed plan would be visible from every window at the back of our house.

Please use sound judgment as it pertains to this proposal. The McLaughlin Family Trust and the Whitney Street Home Builders, LLC seek to dramatically increase the population density which would have lasting negative impacts to all the current abutters and surrounding neighborhoods. When talking with many of our neighbors, the sentiment is clear, the vast majority do not want special permits or variances to be allowed when constructing any new residences at 17 Rice Road. As residents of Millbury yourselves, we ask you to stand up and protect the existing citizens of this neighborhood by performing your duty to uphold the Town of Millbury Zoning Bylaws and do not allow any special permits or variances to be used at 17 Rice Road.

Single family homes would greatly ease nearly every destructive consequence as it pertains to population density, traffic, and light pollution. To mitigate the noise we request that trees, bushes, or fences be put up to ease the noise that will be coming from the passing trains.

The decision should be perfectly clear, please side with the majority of abutters and vote against any special permits or variances at 17 Rice Road as it pertains to the proposed plan and any future development plans.

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