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To: Conor McCormack, Planning Director, Town of Millbury, MA

Re: 17 Rice Road, Millbury, MA - 40B LIP Proposal (192-units)

The Providence & Worcester Railroad would like to express our public safety concerns regarding a proposed housing expansion at Rice Road in Millbury.

The existing Rice Road public at grade railroad crossing (DOT # 871-903P) will be significantly impacted by increased traffic flows. This includes not only new residential traffic but increases in various deliveries for services and shipping providers. The existing grade crossing is not wide enough and is not equipped with sufficient warning devices for the increase in traffic (lights and gates).

The P&W recommends that the grade crossing be upgraded with ample warning devices, to protect public safety and the safety of our employees. The angle of the grade crossing and slope is a concern with the increased volume of traffic and must be addressed by Town and State engineers with railroad input - which may determine the crossing is unsafe at any expense.

We ask that these considerations be part of any approval process associated with the new development.

Sincerely,



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