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Hello P & Z Committee Members,

We live off of Park Lane, on Chelsea Ct, one block off of South Compo immediately across from Baron's South. We have lived here for ten years. I have two requests.

First: I'd like to encourage the P&Z committee to carefully consider the traffic ramifications on Compo South between the Post Road and Dogwood Lane as they consider changing the zoning of the property. Several times a day (especially during morning/Eve commute times and on pretty weekend days with high beach attendance) traffic backs up along that stretch of road. I would like to suggest that a traffic study be required before any decisions about zoning be made for Baron's South. Compo South simply cannot handle any more traffic feeding onto it.

Second: Please require an environmental impact study before any changes to the amount of trees is made on the Baron's South. During hurricane Sandy our neighborhood was protected by the abundance of trees on Baron's South and not only had no damage on our neighborhood, but we did not lose power. We were able to provide refuge, hot showers, and charging for other Westporters who were hit hard. The Baron's South property's trees protected our neighborhood. A few years later many many trees were removed from Baron's South. We now lose power very often including in last August's big storm- our power was out for 5 days and we lost a very large and old and beautiful tree- a tree that had stood through many many storms and was 100 feet tall. It cost us \$10,000 to remove (with a crane) and we had to leave our home for several days as it was a danger of falling on out home. We firmly believe this was related to the removal of the trees from Baron's South- they were creating a windbreak for our neighborhood.

Thank you to the Committee for your service to our town and for considering my suggestions.

Sincerely ,
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