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Ken Mann, Chairman  
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Dear Mr. Mann:

I/we have lived in the FOOTHILLS for past 50 years. At our local home at 7150 Mt. Baker Hwy. Since 1968. Needless to say we have seen real changes. We were here to see the developments mainly at start were for recreational lots (then mostly Canadian) for their summer/winter homes. Peaceful Valley/Paradise, Black Mt Ranch, The Glenn and others up near Glacier. They had a impact, but a lot of people enjoyed the area. Today those lots are 95% with homes, with year around families. We have a road Sumas/Kendall that is now very very busy with residents of developments. The S curve at Paradise Lakes ,dangerous was never taken out and made a safe corner as Isehart developer had promised. The developments has made change in the water table. Summer often brings notice of water shortage, don't waste water etc. Think resources are maxed out for present residents. Weekends in winter with the ski traffic and the local residents, it gets HECTIC. We often don't go out at highway by 3:00 pm as can't get across highway to get mail. Summer weekends/holidays also very HECTIC with present population. In general people even living in Peaceful Valley on 1/3 A lot like the quote RURAL FEELING. We don't need anymore high density population. Our area will suffer with more air pollution, water,streams being pollated and noise pollution. So I list below my opposing:

I feel that Foothills Sub-Area Plan does not represent what the people of the Foothills want. I support the Minority Report for this Plan.

In my opinion, the Foothills Sub-Area Plan will promote changes in the Foothills which my neighbors and I feel do not represent us.

I believe the Foothills Sub-Area must keep it's Rural and Recreational character.

Urbanization and industrialization should be encouraged and promoted in the heart of the Rural and Recreational Foothills Sub-Area.

*Andrew & Carolyn Miller*

Sincerely. Andrew and Carolyn Miller