

## **Truck traffic ruining Lincroft area**

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Truck traffic in Lincroft on local roads, especially on Route 50, which is Swimming River and Middletown Lincroft roads, is abhorrent. Those who complain about the endeavors of the Lincroft Village Green Association need an update on the facts.

Some 40 years ago, my husband and I began to build our own home on the family farm on Swimming River Road. (We moved in the year Brookdale Community College opened, 1967.) Much has changed with the ever-expanding development of all the communities that surround Middletown and the relentless expansion of Brookdale and the failure of government to provide adequate routes to access the college.

Government has refused to listen to residents on this corridor. With the location of the industrial area in Tinton Falls (which has access from major highways), Route 50 has been transformed into the "gateway to the dumps" because it is more convenient for truck drivers to break the law and use Route 50 as a truck route.

I want to know if critics would want to own a home on a residential street with contours that are inadequate for the purposes they advocate. There are developments at the intersection of Swimming River Road and Route 537 that exceed \$1 million in value on the Willowbrook tract. Would you call it good planning to run the "gateway to the dumps" there? They have accomplished that.

This poor planning has ruined any quality of life in our neighborhoods, endangered our lives and our health and diminished the value of what we own. Is that planning?

The time has come for Tinton Falls to take responsibility for what that community creates. And it's time for state and county government to provide infrastructure to support the relentless development that they approve.

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