



INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF  
**Plandome Heights**

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Mr. Kenneth G. Arnold, P.E.  
Commissioner of Public Works  
County of Nassau  
Department of Public Works  
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Dear Mr. Arnold:

Thank you for your letter of September 18, 2019 regarding our public safety concerns about Plandome Road at Summit Drive in the Village of Plandome Heights.

First, of all, I appreciate the serious consideration given to the matter by your department and by your traffic engineering experts. Thank you. I write to respond to the suggested actions in your letter, which lead to a question.

For clarity, we asked that the County investigate any and all suggestions to mitigate the occurrence of southbound vehicles that fail to observe a slight bend in Plandome Road at Summit Drive and then run up onto the sidewalk where pedestrians walk to and from the nearby train station (pictures enclosed). We did not ask for a traffic signal at that location and we understand you have decided not to install one there.

With respect to your suggestion that we install a No-U-Turn sign at that location, please be advised that there is a No-U-Turn sign approximately 200 feet to the south of Summit Drive (picture enclosed). You should also be aware that we consistently ask the 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct for enforcement of that No-U-Turn sign at that location. My Court Clerk advises, however, that in two years, no violations of that turning restriction have been issued by NCPD. These northbound U-Turns are an issue because people make the turn to return to downtown. Southbound U-Turns have not been an issue so there is no signage there.

With respect to the STOP line at Bournedale Road North, please be advised that that STOP line was repainted this summer.

With respect to the "delineation" lines on Summit Drive and Bournedale Road North, I do not understand. We do not have delineation lines on our local streets (as I understand that it is customary to not have delineation lines on local Village streets). With respect to the delineation lines on Plandome Road at that location, I would agree that some improvement could be made there, however, the Village understands that its authority under Nassau County Administrative Code §12-4.0 to adopt traffic rules on a County Road does not include the right or responsibility to maintain or stripe the road in matters unrelated to any traffic rules we might adopt.

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As such, we turn to Nassau County, as owner of Plandome Road, for guidance on how improvements to road markings/delineations, or other improvements to protect motorists and pedestrians, may move forward.

Once again, I share your concern for the public safety of the thousands of people who use Plandome Road each day, and, importantly, the scores of pedestrians that use the adjacent sidewalks to walk to Manhasset's busy train station, and I appreciate your suggestions. I look forward to working together to improve road markings or other measures.

Sincerely,  
Incorporated Village of Plandome Heights

Kenneth C. Riscica  
Mayor

Enclosure: September 18, 2019 letter of Kenneth G. Arnold, P.E.

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**Photos of 072014 Accident on Plandome Road at Summit Drive in Plandome Heights**



**Note the bend in the road just before the accident site**

Picture of No-U-Turn sign on Plandome Road (northbound) in Plandome Heights near Summit Drive

