

## Kathleen Ramsay

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**To:** Kathleen Ramsay  
**Subject:** Merchant's Row

Kathleen,

As a Weybridge resident who does most of his shopping in Middlebury, I'd like to offer some comments on the proposed Merchants Row redesign.

1. I'm not convinced that much is gained by making the street one-way uphill.
2. Whether or not the street remains one-way, the intersection with Main Street should be moved well to the north of the Battell Block for two reasons:
  - to create better visibility for vehicles turning onto or off Main Street;
  - to allow for my third suggestion.
3. I would favor pushing Merchants Row (the street) several feet north to provide for a much wider sidewalk, or even plaza, along the Battell Block. This would allow for outdoor seating next to the commercial establishments facing the green, which might encourage restaurants or cafés to open there. Or it could serve as outdoor social space.
4. If the street does remain one-way uphill, please take this opportunity to provide dedicated bicycle lanes in both directions, isolated, if possible, from automobile traffic.

Fred Dunnington has developed a creative proposal for this street. If you don't have a copy I suggest you reach out to him at <[fsdunnington@gmail.com](mailto:fsdunnington@gmail.com)>.

Thanks.

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