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To: <u>Lucy Morrison</u>

Subject: RE: DRI 682 A Meeting House Place Re-Design Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:40:57 AM

Dear Commissioners,

We are writing to request that you deny the DRI 682A. Our concerns have been voiced eloquently and intelligently by the Edgartown Great Pond Foundation (GPF), Emily Reddington, Executive Director in her letter of 8/22/19. The potential impacts of development are concisely bulleted and the acknowledgement of no direct benefit from the project is clear.

We love our island, our pond and our town. The reality is that we are at a tipping point (see Vineyard Gazette, 8/2/19) We need to chose to rebalance our fragile ecosystem, not add a huge stress to it. Building 28 new homes with five bedrooms and ten townhouses within the Edgartown Great Pond (EGP) watershed is untenable for our ecosystem and our infrastructure. The wastewater treatment plant is already close to maxing out. Are we prioritizing new development over resolving issues with existing homes in the watershed?

What is the benefit to our beautiful island and what will be the long term consequences?

This development needs to be reviewed within the context that there are other large tracts of land adjacent to this property with the potential for more development in the already fragile watershed.

The Commission plays such an important part in maintaining what is best about Martha's Vineyard and we appreciate the work you do to protect our special place on the planet.

Thank you,

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