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To the Martha's Vineyard Commission

We are direct abutters to DRI 683 (Division Road ANR) approved by the MVC in 2018. We recently became aware as part of the MVC approval, a walking trail easement was granted to the Land Bank. We, along with our neighbors who also abut this DRI were completely unaware this easement was included. It is our understanding this easement will not be acted upon unless a similar easement is approved as part of DRI 741, the current Division Road proposed development.

We are writing now, to state our opposition to granting this new easement to the developers of DRI 741. We are now seeing firsthand the significant impact of the first of the two Division Road developments. The clearing of the trees and foliage directly behind our home and those around us is significant with only a narrow area of foliage remaining. Any further clearing for a walking trail would leave very little of the natural foliage. I would encourage you to view for yourselves the clearing that has already occurred for these new homes and the impact any additional clearing for a walking trail would have on what remains. One cannot fully grasp the impact from just looking at a builder's site map. I encourage you to view this from our homes and backyards in Island Grove so to fully appreciate the impact this is having on the abutters in Island Grove.

As for providing an opportunity for access between Meshacket Road and Meetinghouse Road, there are already two safe, well established and used public access streets within Island Grove and the Division Road itself providing connection and access.

We urge you to remove the proposed walking trail easement for DRI 741 and leave the small amount of natural border that remains intact.

Sincerely,

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