

Dear Martha's Vineyard Commission,

I am Christopher Currier, a direct abutter to DRI 683 (Division Road ANR), approved by the MVC in 2018. I recently found out as part of the MVC approval, a walking trail easement was granted to the Land Bank. As is the case with a number of my neighbors, also abutting this DRI, we were unaware that this easement was included. I understand this easement will not be acted upon unless a similar easement is approved as part of DRI 741, the current Division Road proposed development.

I am writing now to state my opposition to granting this new easement to the developers of DRI 741.

We as a neighborhood are only now realizing the impact on our quality of life from the first of the two Division Road developments. A walking trail directly behind our backyards would only amplify this already negative impact on our homes.

There already exist two safe and well-used public access means, the streets of Island Grove, and Division Road itself, between Meshacket Road and Meetinghouse Road. Division Road, an unpaved rural road, could be slightly widened to include a walking trail. There is no need to remove important habitats to accommodate walkers who have other options, ones less intrusive to nature and neighbors.

I urge you to remove the proposed walking trail easement for DRI 741. In doing so you will be lessening by an appreciable amount the changes to our area's character brought by the current and future development of the ten lots represented by DRI's 683 and 741.

Sincerely,
Christopher Currier

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