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I live at 19 East Chop Drive and what is proposed will cause much more traffic to the area that is all ready overridden with parked cars during the summer months. The Town of Oak Bluffs has eliminated many parking spots therefore everyone comes over here to park. They park in the woods, camp in their vehicles or adjoining park land. Some leave their cars there for weeks. As it is also a walking area with children, bikes and vacationers who have to dodge fast moving cars and people backing out of parking spots across from our houses on east chop drive. For such a nice area it looks awful. I would like to see an extension of the split rail fence so that parking would have to be parallel to said fence which would give the driver vision of people walking or biking which I thought was the original plan.

Next concern is the size of proposed ocean view. It's too large for the lot that is there. It will ruin the value of the homes as well as their view of the harbor. It also does not keep with the historic look of the neighborhood with the height of the building. I would prefer to see the restaurant restored and possibly one floor of apartments, depending on the look. Keep it the way that it was. Neighbors rely on the Town to protect us and preserve the land. Has an environmental evaluation been done of the soil at the existing oceanview land? It all runs down to our houses.

Can Oak Bluffs wastewater handle the load of apartments and the restaurant. In the summer months especially the wastewater dept struggles. Would said apartments have washer and dryers, dishwashers? I don't see how the system could handle the flow from the apartments. I know they have had problems in front of Jean Louds house.

Oak Bluffs needs to keep their quaint appeal. Too much of the Island is threatening to take away the appeal Marthas Vineyard offers. Small buildings, gingerbread cottages, etc.

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