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Some thoughts on the MVTimes April 28 article on the proposed new lumberyard on High Point Lane. I am concerned about its impact on the Island Cove Mini Golf. Mr. Dias believes there is a good market here for his products. And he is probably right. However, many of us believe there is an equal need for the mini golf. Mr. Dias' business would serve contractors and high-end home owners, while for over twenty years, the mini golf has served the greater Island community, as well as summer residents and visitors.

The real concern here is safety. As planned now, large trucks would share the driveway into the mini golf's parking area. Families, every one, parks and walks up this same lane. The driveway is narrow. There is also a very narrow sidewalk. The thought of large trucks sharing that driveway with people is scary. It is just not safe, especially for children,

Another thought - those same trucks will have to make sharp turns onto and from State Road. State Road is already heavily traveled and not very wide. Can it handle more large turning trucks? Will it be harder to get into Cronigs'? If this access road is accepted, we should expect some difficult moments in July and August.

Mr. Dias wants to have a successful business, but there must be another road he can use. Isn't there access from High Point Lane? And a bit of unasked for advice (from someone who knows nothing about Hinckley's plans), why not buy out Hinckley's in Vineyard Haven. There is much more space there.

Ray and Mary Gosselin have created a successful business that fills a community need - a wholesome, safe place for families and people of all ages to gather and play a great game. They have created a lovely escape from the rush and crowds of summer. With the cooling sounds of splashing water, it is easy to forget how close noisy State Road is. Well maintained flower beds, umbrella shaded tables, attractive lighting - what better place to sit with ice cream or lunch. It is a happy, welcoming place.

Island Cove Mini Golf has hired many young people over the years - both islanders and from around the world. They not only do the usual work, but are taught how to work, how a small business is run, and how to work with the public. No wonder these young people are so self-confident, courteous and friendly,

The mini golf is a fine island asset that should not be diminished by lumberyard traffic.

To the Martha's Vineyard Commission - if you have never been to the mini golf, do consider a visit there. Perhaps play a round of golf, or just walk the course. It is beautifully landscaped and maintained. Enjoy one of Mary's delicious hamburgers (with grilled veggies). Relax and listen to the water as it softens road noise. Feel the warmth and friendliness of the place

and observe people just having fun together. You will understand why so many of us want to keep Island Cove Mini Golf protected and safe,

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