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Martha's Vineyard Commission
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Dear Paul,

As abutters (map 13, Lot 10.3) directly bordering the eastern side of the proposed Middle Line Road Housing Project, Chilmark (DRI-597), we are seriously concerned about several issues which may negatively affect our property and the surrounding lands of the Tiasquam River Watershed area. There are basically three major aspects of this development plan that are important for us to have addressed by the appropriate Chilmark Town Boards, the MVC and Chilmark voters.

The first matter involves the road access from Tabor House Road. The beginning of the traveled way (Middle Line Road) crosses over family owned land (Map 13, Lot 30). Should it become necessary for the proposed plan to include moving or widening the existing roadway, we believe new access would need to be gained.

Secondly, we are very worried about the dense siting of the proposed project. It will obviously impact us greatly as the most recent plan allows for minimal setbacks for the three dwelling units lined up along our 565 ft. western border. Greater setbacks and substantial screening might help.

Thirdly, and most crucial, are the difficulties with locating wells and septic disposal systems. Due to the amazing topography of this watershed area of clay and wetland, percolation testing and well development has been unpredictable. Witness the latest proposed plan which moves the dwellings closer to our lot lines due to the inability to perc sufficiently towards the center of the property. We hope any future construction by our family will not be adversely limited by the proposed project setbacks.

It seems pretty clear to us that our property is the most potentially compromised by the current preliminary plan and we would appreciate your attention to our concerns and assistance with lessening any negative impact of this proposed development.

Thank you,

Blair and Diane Emin

cc: Planning Board, Town of Chilmark
Conservation Commission, Town of Chilmark
Board of Health, Town of Chilmark