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To the Martha's Vineyard Commission:

I am writing to contribute to the discussion of DRI 618- the Williams proposal to develop Map 21 Lot 11. My home is located at 185 Pine Hill Rd. West Tisbury.

Neighbors on both Pine Hill Rd. and Dr. Fisher Rd. were shocked to see the land clearing and installation of Monty Bizzaro's garbage hauling business in 2006. Mr. Bizzarro purchased one acre of Mr. Williams land. No notification was given to abutters about the subdivision of the 3 acre lot. Thomas Norton sold lot 11 to Peter Williams in 2005. Mr. Norton himself did not know that his own land had been rezoned from part residential to all light industrial. This fact is significant considering that this property abuts a rural residential neighborhood and that Dr. Fisher Rd. is designated a DCPC. Mr. Norton resided in a small home on this lot. Property owners and neighbors were not ever given the chance to discuss the rezoning. The West Tisbury Planning Board has been unwilling to revisit or discuss this improper rezoning.

Now Mr. Williams wants to continue to industrialize the neighborhood. We are concerned not only about the current plan but also about the intentions for the other one acre lot on Dr. Fisher that he owns. This type of business belongs at the MV Airport Industrial Park, not in an area that is essentially a quiet rural neighborhood were people walk, horseback ride and where children ride their bicycles.

Minimizing adverse impact and maximizing the screening and setbacks must be part of any plan going forward. Restoration of vegetation should be required and should include replacement of some of the mature pine trees that were cut down illegally. Both Pine Hill Rd and Dr Fisher Rd. are very narrow dirt roads that do not have the capacity to handle steady volumes of heavy truck traffic. When Mr. Williams leased his land to Allied Waste the trucks and containers damaged nearby properties and trees and widened Pine Hill Rd. Any proposal must include demonstrations of how vehicles will turn and maneuver and how road maintenance will be shared.

Thank you for the close attention I am confident the Commission will give to this matter.

Sincerely.

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