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As a Tisbury Resident and a frequent shopper at the Vineyard Haven Stop & Shop, I am all for a new grocery store. But why in the world does it have to be so massive? Yes the Vineyard's population growth is out-pacing most other regions around us, but this store size, even looking at these possible population growth numbers is 'accommodating' a boom that does not and will not exist in the near future.

The biggest factor to me is that this huge structure is located at the very first point of entry to the Island. It can't be helped that this is the spot that Stop&Shop owns (wow it would be great if they would sell the property and find another?). Such a massive, suburban, monster is not reflective of the Island that we, and all of our visitors love. We depend on tourism - guests will be slammed with a little bit of home - something they in fact are trying to get away from - the commerce, the supersize of their lives in 'America', buy buy buy.. as soon as they land. What is going to prevent other stores trying to follow suit? If a national corporation can now bully their way into a little community - whats next??

We who choose to live here, bring up our families and bring commerce to the Island are proud of our little piece of heaven. I and many others want to preserve some sense of our place, and the Stop&Shop has overstepped their boundary.

Then the issue of parking and the choreography of one of the most crazy trafficked part of the Island? I don't have to tell you how nuts a superstore is in this scenario.

I have seen the plans and also wonder, yes there are trees in the drawing will they really be there? How are they going to make this area safe for all of the pedestrians and bikes that have to pass to continue on their journey (why not throw this in there as this is the time to totally rethink this area!).

Bottom line - this proposed building does not fit our Island.

Thank you for your time and ALL Of the work that you do.

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