

# RE: Turf Field Project at High School

Adam Turner

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To: Donna Arold <donna.arold@gmail.com>;

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Thank you for your comment. We have entered it into our record. For your information the hearing remains open and you can elect to offer further comments.

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From: Donna Arold <donna.arold@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 8:36 AM

To: Chris Seidel <seidel@mvcommission.org>; Adam Turner <turner@mvcommission.org>

Subject: Turf Field Project at High School

Dear OB Commissioners,

I am writing as a year round resident of School House Village in OB..., my husband and I purchased our home in 2017 and moved here full time after retiring in 2018. We fell in love with the home immediately upon entering, and what added to our love of the development and community is that it has many families that are here year round, and also that our property backs to a beautiful tree filled forest.

We are aware that the Committee will be voting on the turf field project tomorrow, and I feel the need to weigh in on it, and am hoping it will help your committee to make the right decision.

In full disclosure, a huge part of our feeling on this is that we are concerned about what grass fields with stands and lighting would do to our property values and to those of our neighbors. With that said, it makes little sense to us why you would vote to destroy our little 'forest' for the sake of 'conservation' when there is a perfect alternative. The concern as to what the turf runoff will do to the environment was a concern when you began researching the project, but I have read the full report from Huntress and it seems they have deduced that turf will do next to nothing to harm the environment. Additionally, turf is safer to play on repeatedly and will finally give the MV student athletes a level playing field when going against other teams. In today's world of high tech synthetic turf fields, athletes that are looking towards college would be forced to practice, compete and hone their skills on a natural grass field which effectively puts them at a disadvantage. I think we can all agree that we want our student athletes to have all the advantages of other schools and colleges. The student athletes and parents are behind the turf solution as well and their voices should be heard, as well as the voices of the residents of the neighborhoods that may be impacted.

The 'forest' behind our little development is a home to dozens of birds and all kinds of wildlife. If the environment is a true concern, then nature and the hundreds of trees would be destroyed for the sake of conservation if you voted no to a turf field. Makes little sense to me.

There is already way too much traffic and congestion at times on The Edgartown Vineyard Haven Road, and the addition of fields across from the high school will make it worse, to say nothing about the visual pollution of more hardscape, lights and

noise with such a complex within eyeshot of the main road. Our neighborhood would be impacted greatly by this plan and we are completely against the fields coming across to our side. The campus should remain self contained and within the footprint of the high school property.

Thank you for reading this and we look forward to a turf decision outcome.

Best, Donna Arold  
38 School House Village, OB

Sent from my iPhone