

Opposition to Hob Knob Inn Expansion

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We have watched the proceedings of the Hob Knob Inn before the Commission with interest, and had the opportunity to sit through the entire presentation on Thursday evening.

We have similar issues in our immediate neighborhood of the Harbor View Hotel, which also is proposing expansion of its commercial footprint, and we share in the concerns of the greater Edgartown village community that the level of commercial intensification is reaching a tipping point. The current trajectory of development is threatening to destroy the quiet and peaceful character of our community.

I am a seasoned businessman; we are not reflexively anti-development. But taken together all of the new development activity is combining to act to the detriment of the treasured peaceful environment of the Edgartown village. The arguments of the immediate neighbors and abutters of the Hob Knob are very valid, and call for a cease and desist on this unwarranted expansion.

As the regional development authority, you are best positioned to step back from all this and question whether these expansions are in the best interests of the community.

Please look at the big picture here as well as the obvious flaws of this specific proposal.

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