

Historical home preservation

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To the Commissioners,

We write to ask that you deny the application to demolish the beautiful Edwin Luce home. While its historical significance speaks for itself, its visibility from the water and the well traveled road to Cedar Tree Neck make it all the more important to preserve.

We appreciate the responsibility and burden of caring for historic buildings and understand why many (ourselves included) opt to live in modern homes. But this is a choice the homebuyer makes when deciding whether or not to purchase a historically significant home.

It is important that the MVC uphold its commitment to keep "the authentic, unique character of Martha's Vineyard" by "preserving historic buildings and other historic resources from destruction or inappropriate alteration." The more exceptions to the rule the MVC makes, the more invaluable island history we all lose -- and the harder it will be for the MVC to insist that any future applicants bear responsibility for maintaining their historic home.

Sincerely,

Joshua & Rebekah Thomson
West Tisbury

Sent from my iPhone
(Excuse my typos y sin acentos)