

Harborview Expansion

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To The Martha's Vineyard Commission :

My husband and I have been coming to Edgartown for over 40 years and we purchased our home on South Water Street 14 years ago. The unspoiled beauty of the island and especially North Water Street and the Lighthouse brings us back year after year . Our daughters and now our grandchildren have always been able to safely ride bikes all over Edgartown, to their summer jobs, to tennis and to their cousins on Fuller Street and Starbuck Neck . Over the years we have rented multiple houses . For 5 years, (2001 -2006) we rented at 128 No Water St ... right next to The Harborview Hotel We loved our years renting on North Water. However, the property abuts the entrance and the garbage area of the Harborview and the noise of the garbage trucks "beep, beep" backing in and the crash of the glass disposal was deafening every morning ..luckily it was only a few minutes a day. Many mornings there were buses arriving and leaving the Hotel and so many guests and sightseers in the middle of the road that we couldn't back our car out of the drive without people shouting at us ! Yes, shouting at us !

If it was that bad 14 years ago, it's unimaginable to think of the disruption that an expansion of the spa, outdoor dining, bars and commercial marina would create today .

The Harborview has always been a part of the simple flavor of the Vineyard and with our donations to the Sheriffs Meadow Trust, we have all protected the Harborview surrounding land and lighthouse views .

When we make changes to our island homes we all respect and follow the rules of the Zoning and Historic Boards .

The Harborview owner is trying to make illegal and disruptive changes. The rules are there for a reason . We have all paid to protect his land and views and he should

be required to adhere to the zoning laws that he agreed to when he purchased the property.

He should not be allowed to turn the property that we all have protected, into a commercial nightmare of endless garbage disposal, cars, buses, golf carts and noisy water sports.

We do not believe the expansion should be allowed

Sincerely,

Susan and Robert van Roijen