

To Members of the Mashpee Planning Board:

We, the undersigned individual residents of the Windchime neighborhood, a property abutting the planned Mashpee Commons expansion, write to express our opposition to any plan of the proposed scale and proximity to Mashpee's rivers.

We support the creation of housing for Mashpee residents for whom the current market is inaccessible. The lack of "attainable housing" threatens the character and diversity of our community in Mashpee, and we hope Mr. Chace and the Commons will deliver on the promise to address that issue.

But the proposed development of 1,700 residential units and 1.2 million square feet of commercial space is just too big for an area at the heart of our town and the center of our congested roads. Traffic is already a safety and quality-of-life issue during the summer months. We do not have the capacity to absorb the substantial increase this development will bring.

Most important to us is the threat to our environment and natural resources. It is hard to believe that on the heels of a long overdue town approval to address the critical impairment of the Mashpee River and Popponesset Bay any developer would suggest clear-cutting the open space near the river for a new "neighborhood." The notion is plainly irresponsible.

We urge the town's elected officials to prioritize the health and beauty of Mashpee's natural resources, safeguard green space, and demand a reduction in the scale of this proposal before any further consideration.

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