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Bruce Eason, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals
173 Main Street
Groton, MA 01450

RE: **Heritage Landing**
Location: Cow Pond Brook Road, Parcel 248-42
Case number: ZBA-2023-3

Dear Mr. Eason:

Good day. I am writing in my capacity of Police Chief for the Town of Groton regarding the proposed development's impact on the safety of residents and guests at this future residential development.

The town owned parcel (Parcel 248-41) adjacent to Heritage Landing and north of the Heritage Landing site contains a shooting range, capped landfill, solar panel field, DPW buildings, transfer station, and composting operation. At its closest point, the shooting range is less than 100 feet from the border of the Heritage Landing site (see attached map).

Intrusion by unauthorized people onto the shooting range would be a hazard to health and safety. The applicant's plans show a split rail fence set back from the border, tracing the limits of disturbance for the development.

A split rail fence is insufficient to prevent people from accessing the shooting range. The shooting range itself may attract attention from children and adolescents and a more robust barrier is needed. Accordingly, the Police Department requests an 8-foot-tall chain link fence to be installed along two sides of the Heritage Landing site. One side should be along the shared border between Parcels 248-48 and 248-41. The other side should be the western side of Parcel 248-48 that abuts MIT/Haystack land.

The Police Department requests a condition in the decision for this chain link fencing. For clarity, please also require that the developer indicate the chain link fencing on its plan.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael F. Luth".

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Enclosure: map showing aerial view