

# Comments for Planning Application 21/00345/FUL

## Application Summary

Application Number: 21/00345/FUL

Address: Wheatsheaf Yard, The Wheatsheaf High Street Oxford OX1 4DF

Proposal: Conversion of first and second floors to create 9no. student rooms, shared kitchen and common area. Formation of 2no. front dormers in association with a loft conversion. Removal of 1no. window to front elevation. Alteration to 1no. window and 1no. door to front elevation. Insertion of 1no. door to front elevation. Provision of bin and cycle stores

Case Officer: Tobias Fett

## Customer Details

Name: Dr Hilary Walker

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## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Effect on character of area
- Effect on existing community facilities
- General dislike or support for proposal
- Other - give details

Comment: I object to this application for the following reasons.

1. The upstairs room at the Wheatsheaf has historic value. I appreciate that people's versions of history vary and this is not part of the 'dreaming spires' history but in terms of music innovation and development in Oxford it is extremely important.
2. To take away this facility would be a great loss to the community. It is located in the centre of Oxford, very convenient for public transport access. Few such user friendly venues exist in Oxford city centre and it should be kept.
3. I cannot see that this site is suitable for student housing.
4. There is a huge amount of development for student housing in Oxford. It seems disproportionate. In my view any new housing should be for people on the waiting list. It feels like a take over by students. Given the possible changing patterns of study there is a risk of too much student housing. This development does not seem necessary.