

# 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: Mr Ben Farmer

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## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Effect on existing community facilities
- Other - give details

Comment:

The Wheatsheaf is a renowned music venue and popular space for all members of the community of Oxford. With a number of similar venues already lost or under threat, any development must protect the live music venue on the site. As others have outlined, the upstairs space is of significant cultural interest due to the bands and student groups that have performed there over the years.

On the housing and facilities:

- It is clear more affordable housing of all types is needed in Oxford.
- Student accommodation is needed in Oxford, but it must be priced affordably and be kept to a high standard. The applicant should agree to peg the rent for the flats to a market average and no higher than the rent the University of Oxford charges for its own graduate accommodation units.
- the cycle storage area should have enough space for cargo bikes and for bikes for all residents.
- the development should be to of a high sustainability standard, ideally using Passivhuas principles where possible, in line with other developments in the area.