

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 Stuart Fowkes

Address: 32 Grandpont Place Long Ford Close Oxford OX1 4NH

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Effect on character of area
- General dislike or support for proposal

Comment: I strongly object to this proposal - The Wheatsheaf is a long-standing and essential part of Oxford's cultural heritage, and hugely important to a large community of music and arts fans numbering in the thousands, both within the city and beyond.

It has hosted large numbers of now well-known artists, giving Oxford's citizens the chance to see them perform in a small venue. It has launched the careers of now-famous Oxford artists such as Foals, who are now doing a huge amount for the reputation of the city globally - I myself promoted a Foals show at the Wheatsheaf some years ago. It also fundamentally supports grassroots artists across Oxfordshire and beyond, giving especially young musicians often their first opportunity to perform in front of an audience.

At a time when the music and arts has suffered like never before, the removal of another venue in the city would be a hammer blow for its culture and heritage - and to be replaced by yet more student accommodation adds insult to injury.

I therefore wish to oppose this proposal in the strongest possible terms.

All the best,

Stuart.