

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 Rob Walters

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Comment Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Access
- Amount of development on site
- Effect on adjoining properties
- Effect on existing community facilities
- On-street parking
- Parking provision

Comment: The Wheatsheaf is an essential and popular part of the music scene in Oxford. It is the only pub in the city centre providing a reasonably sized performance space separate from the main bar and is regularly used as such. Many music oriented producers use this venue on a regular basis including Klub Kakofanney and The Spin. This venue draws Oxford residents into the centre from all over the city and surroundings and provides unique opportunities for visitors and students to experience a variety of live music from local and visiting bands.

The space occasionally used for performances on the Wheatsheaf's ground floor also attracts performers, but is no substitute for the first floor venue being extremely limited in performance space and audience capacity.

Granting any change of use for the Wheatsheaf will seriously deplete central Oxford's cultural richness. Student accommodation should never displace popular and viable businesses in the city centre. Such changes of use clearly attenuate the attractiveness of our vibrant city and, let's face it, student accommodation adds nothing to that vibrancy and can be suitably placed elsewhere.

For these reasons and more this applications must be rejected.