

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 Steve Hine

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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
- Local plan policies

Comment: It would be a travesty to turn the last live music venue in the actual city centre into student accommodation. The proposal is deeply flawed, being partly based on the financial performance of a venue that has been closed for the last year due to the Covid pandemic. If this is a precedent then every pub and restaurant in the town centre is financially unviable. The proposal also states the intent to allow the venue to supply smaller events on the ground floor area - how long would this actually last once the noise complaints from the new accommodation above cause the venue to close? This strikes as an underhanded way of closing the venue completely.

If Oxford City Council have any consideration for the cultural diversity of the city, and the wellbeing of everyone in the music / entertainment industry, from artists to crew and most importantly venues, who are currently facing extreme hardship due to the pandemic forcing them to close, they will refuse this planning application and deem the building as 'of community importance'.