

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 Matt Oliver

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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
- General dislike or support for proposal
- Other - give details

Comment: The Wheatsheaf is the last remaining live music venue in Oxford, a city that was once rich with music venues and talent of all varieties, creeds and genres. Oxford welcomed music with open arms.

Over the years the live music scene in Oxford has been whittled down just to The Wheatsheaf and a few venues outside the city centre.

The application makes reference to the current use being a function room, that has never been the purpose of it. Live music has been a mainstay of the venue for longer than I have been alive and likely further.

While the pub would remain you would remove a key source of trade for it and I suspect that would end up going the same way as this. Also how would it be expected that people live and sleep above a noisy pub when the lockdown ends?

Granting this application would be the final step in destroying the cultural significance that Oxford has in terms of live music, which is not only sad but disappointing given the worldwide talent that has emerged from these venues.