

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 Simon Talbot

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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
- General dislike or support for proposal

Comment: The Wheatsheaf as a pub and a live music venue is an integral part of the local music scene and the social life of creatives in the city.

As the Oxford creative community grows in size and stature, the collection of venues and facilities across the city that the community call its home continues to shrink.

The shortage of accommodation in Oxford is of course a well known problem, however the minimal amount of residential space this development would create does not equate to the impact it will have on the community. There are countless large and small scale developments already happening across the city that should provide an adequate solution to the housing shortage for the time being.

Additionally, the community this venue serves is an inclusive and diverse one. It provides a safe space for socialising and self-expression from those who might not be so welcome and included in other social spaces across the city. The planning team must reconsider the impact of this development on the city and find other ways to solve the housing squeeze in other locations.