

# 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: Miss Georgia Richards

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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 character of area
- Effect on existing community facilities
- Effect on pollution
- Effect on privacy
- Effect on traffic
- General dislike or support for proposal
- Height of proposal
- Light - daylight/sunlight
- Noise and disturbance

Comment: I grew up in Oxfordshire. The Wheatsheaf is one of the most memorable locations of my teenage years and early twenties, the same way it is for hundreds if not thousands of other people. The Wheatsheaf allowed my friends and peers to express themselves and play music in front of crowds, often for the first time. It gave me the opportunity to shoot gigs. Shooting at The Wheatsheaf taught me that I love photography, and that love eventually look me to university. I know at least 30 people whose career directions were formed by their experiences at The Wheatsheaf.

You cannot tear down a place that provides so much to its local community in order to replace it with student flats. Why are you catering for people who don't live in Oxford? I understand the need

for students to have a place to live but that's the responsibility of the Universities, not private contractors. People in the area need to provide for the people in their area. When Covid is finally over, we're going to need places like The Wheatsheaf. Well known local establishments that draw people in, that encourage people to play pool, have a drink, play some music and laugh again. Keeping The Wheatsheaf open means tens of people get to keep their jobs. It gives people a safe space to socialise, to grow, to learn, to explore. Private student housing can't do that. The Wheatsheaf is a critical part of Oxford, well known to thousands of people, and to take that away is to fail the community.