

# 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 Shannon Eacups

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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
- General dislike or support for proposal

Comment: Losing the Wheatsheaf would be a devastating loss to the Oxford music community that has seen previous grassroots venues close their doors. These venues are important to the longevity of the local music scene and losing this venue would create a huge impact on bands starting out - the Sheaf is a place for the beginners to learn, grow and thrive as artists. What would be the desired achievement in taking away what makes Oxford thrive: music, its nightlife scene? In making these accommodations you will face a huge money loss and take away multiple jobs from those who have suffered during COVID in the live music sector!

Furthermore, this venue has been known to bring the community together in unity to celebrate live music - majority of the places in the centre do not offer this comradery (being shopping centres, pubs and clubs) and often is a place to build connections if you want to get ahead in the game - whether as a musician, someone who wants to work in live music or as a fan!

Additionally, it holds cultural importance since Foals (one of the biggest bands to come out of Oxford) - winner of two NME Awards (in 2011 and 2013) both for best track (Inhaler and Spanish Sahara) and a recent BRIT Award for British Group in 2020 - graced the upstairs venue in 2007.

In conclusion, I strongly believe it would be a disgrace to the permanent residents of Oxford to increase more accommodation for students who are only living here during term times.