

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 Al Pirrie

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Comment Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Amount of development on site
- Effect on character of area
- Effect on existing community facilities
- General dislike or support for proposal
- Local ecology, biodiversity

Comment: As an ex-Oxford student, a regular visitor to the Wheatsheaf pub, and also a performer and audience member for the music the venue facilitates, I strongly object to the application for change of use. The application is clearly timed to exploit the Covid crisis, which is a pretty shoddy move of the applicants. No doubt the pub has suffered with everyone locked indoors, but to simply allow venues to close (through change of use applications like these) will massively change the character of the city centre, reducing opportunities for communal gathering and sharing of culture of all residents - not just the students. No applications for previous communal buildings should even be considered until all venues have had ample time (> 5years) to reestablish after the Covid pandemic. There is already plenty of student accommodation in the city centre, and there is no need to allow another great Oxford landmark venue to disappear, and thus irrevocably change the diversity of the humans in the area. We don't need any more studios academics in the city centre, which acre-for-acre must already monopolise this habitat. Reject this shameful application and promote more biodiversity in the centre of Oxford.