

# 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 George Williams

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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 character of area
- Effect on existing community facilities
- General dislike or support for proposal

Comment: The Wheatsheaf is one of the few small music venues remaining in Oxford and its size and business model provides a vital service in allowing new talent to develop.

The list of music venues provided in the viability assessment does not reflect the simple fact that the different venues listed host very different acts and cater to different audiences.

As we recover from the pandemic, this venue and others will be absolutely vital to helping culture and the arts flourish once again and closing it would severely restrict the diversity of acts that are able to perform in the city and be a major blow to the cultural and artistic life of the city.

The venue is also used by numerous clubs and societies, who will seriously struggle to find alternative venues, further adding further to the cultural cost of converting the site.

While the creation of new, high quality student accommodation is important, it should not be created at the expense of the cultural life of the city.