

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 Matt Thomason

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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
- Light - daylight/sunlight

Comment: The Wheatsheaf is one of the few music venues left in central Oxford.

Having played there numerous times, the atmosphere has always been electric. The venue plays a crucial role in the character of central Oxford. Removing it in place of flats would be a devastating final blow to the Oxford music scene.

It is down a small narrow alleyway with little natural light. It's not the sort of place that domestic dwellings would be suitable, especially the proposed first floor plans.

Utilising natural daylight in design could save 15 million tons of CO2 every year in Europe. The lack of light in the rooms proposed would be detrimental to Oxford's pioneering work as a green city, forcing residents to use artificial light.

In addition, the proposed plans suggest keeping the pub. I agree that the pub should be left, but domestic dwellings above a pub with little space for sound diffusal is asking for trouble. Expect noise complaints, disturbances and angry students.

Finally, live music is expected bounce back in the later half of this year and demand for events is expected to skyrocket. As more events are hosted at the Wheatsheaf, so will the passing trade of

gig goers, bringing significant economic benefits to the area.

The proposed 9 dwellings do not solve any student accommodation shortages and serve only to benefit the property developers.

The Wheatsheaf has been an integral part of Oxford for more than 100 years. To accept this proposal would be putting the final nail in the coffin of the already pillaged Oxford music scene. I implore you to object to this proposal.