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Although sadly no longer an Oxford resident, I'm appalled by this shortsighted proposal. Oxford is world renowned for producing and nurturing amazing live musical acts (Radiohead, Foals and Supergrass to name just 3) and yet venue landlords seem hellbent on destroying the very environment that makes this possible! The UK live music scene is already under huge pressure because of the current climate - i.e. Covid scuppering the availability of gig spaces generally, Brexit scuppering tour schedules and the ability of fledgling UK bands to make an impact outside of the UK. So closing one of the few grassroots venues Oxford has left is utterly insane. Oxford, and the UK generally, NEEDS LIVE MUSIC - not just accessible in massive stadiums and in venues owned by a greedy chain! Live music needs those dark, sweaty little rooms in local pubs and the small independent clubs and gig spaces - they should be protected by anyone that loves live music - surely that means everyone with a pulse.

Thank you!