

# 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: Dr Oliver Hawksley

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## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Effect on existing community facilities
- Local plan policies

Comment:Mr Fett,

I write to join the chorus of opposition to this proposed development.

The proposal is for yet more student accommodation within the city, whilst failing to acknowledge the quality of their life (and other more permanent residents) in the city. The space has been used for many student societies performances, as well as musical concerts, over the years. These have enriched the life of many, and led to successful careers for some in the arts.

The central location within Oxford with easy public transport as acknowledged in the transport section of the application makes this a highly important amenity for the city, the loss of which affects the placemaking of the city centre.

I do not believe the proposed student accommodation makes best use of the space available. There are several other student accommodation applications currently under consideration such as the Clive Booth village expansion, and the redevelopment of the Conservative Club in Temple Cowley, as well as other projects already underway and I therefore question the need for further accommodation of this type, especially when weighed against the loss of amenity.

In summary, I object as this proposal will negatively affect the quality of life of the students and

citizens of the city and offers little in return above some rooms the applicant has failed to demonstrate are needed or wanted.

Yours Sincerely,

Oliver Hawksley