

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 Turner

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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 adjoining properties
- Effect on character of area
- Effect on existing community facilities
- General dislike or support for proposal
- Information missing from plans
- Noise and disturbance
- Other - give details

Comment: I object as this is cultural hub that is unique in Oxford, unique in many ways, geographically it enables a diverse set of people from all walks of life to meet and share ideas. I've met a whole diverse representation of Oxford because of its location and uncompromising nature - from University Grounds People to University Professors to secondary school Teachers who identify as punks at the weekend - a hot pot of cultural exchanges, ideas and projects - there is no where else in Oxford where such a diverse group can socialise. Its a great place for everyone to feel welcome and share ideas, and have a home. It actively supports and sustains community wellbeing though its very nature.

In summary it keeps central Oxford vibrant and active and adds greatly to the local quality of life- this plan goes against the Oxford Local Plan 2036.

Restrictions on live music have been introduced sadly from a neighbour complaining about noise (this should not happen in the first place as they should know when moving next to a live venue

that there will be noise), has negatively affected the pubs character and its cultural significance already - by having more accommodation directly above the live venue will surely cause more complaint issues and ultimately shut down the live music and cause irrevocable change to the pub, the local area, and lower the local quality of life.

The list of music venues in the application are irrelevant as they are not in the same geographical area and do not capture the diverse nature of clients and culture that the pub does with its unique location. Also there are a lot that are listed which are not live music venues.

The Wheatsheif should in fact be listed and protected as a site of significant cultural significance and benefit to the Oxford community.

Using the COVID-19 pandemic and the forced closure of the venue as a basis for projecting future viability is fraudulent. Over 80% of businesses in the UK are also readjusting due to the pandemic. It should not be used as platform to make further inroads and destroy what little remains of a once vibrant music scene.

This my formal objection and I do hope that this application is rejected out of hand. [REDACTED]

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