

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 Joe Adkins

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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

Comment: Having lost the Cellar as a venue for bands and artists, the 1st floor of the Wheatsheaf is the ONLY venue left in the centre of Oxford. Oxford has a reputation for groundbreaking musical talent and this is slowly eroding away as opportunities for musicians to perform are disappearing. The Wheatsheaf has stood as a cornerstone both for established bands and those just finding their feet in the industry, to explore their creativity and to engage with their audience in a way that isn't an option at the larger venues such as the O2 and theatres. The Wheatsheaf is quite literally a VITAL step for musicians of all genres to get on the ladder, without it, so many performers would be cut off from the future they work their entire lives for.

I have attended countless performances there, from the vast spectrum of local talent, to musical theatre, jazz, folk music, always run with incredible professionalism and quality.

I quite honestly believe this would be the final nail in the coffin for Oxford music, for the sake of a handful of student rooms.

Please, PLEASE don't take this away from Oxford