

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 Graham Cass

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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
- Other - give details

Comment:I was the manager of the Wheatsheaf when live music was introduced we invested heavily in sound proofing and ventilation in order to get the venue up and running and over 20 years later the place is still providing a unique service to the city. The Wheatsheaf has been a valuable venue for Oxford to students and locals. The venue has acted for many years as an overflow for the student community and has provided places for rehearsals and practice for plays, comedy and bands, it has hosted varsity events including comedy and poetry performances.

The Wheatsheaf has provided live music to the city for years and is part of the culture of the city. It provides small and emerging artists a platform to showcase their art and to practice and refine it's form.

The fact it has always been independent means it has always stood by the principles of original artists playing and has encouraged and nurtured musicians and songwriters.

The venue of one of the last remaining in the city and has more than enough trade to make it a viable business.

The country has lost thousands of viable pubs over the past few years, to stop the live music would seal the end of another pub within the city. Without the live music the pub would lose over 50% of it's trade and would inevitably close. The decision to close the venue and build housing would inevitably mean the whole pub would close in the longer term, it is unique Oxford as it does not sell food and generates all its income from wet sales.

Oxford continues to build and add to the number of students yet this is at the price of the diversity

of entertainment, culture and art within the city.