

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 Aiden Canaday

Address: 34 Church Cowley Road Oxford OX4 3JT

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
- General dislike or support for proposal
- Other - give details

Comment: This space is a well loved and used live music venue that has hosted thousands of concerts over the years and continued to do so in a friendly and open way up until the recent corona virus halted proceedings. It has hosted people from all walks of life on its stage from all over the world from first timers to seasoned pros and if this changes there will be no other live music venue in central Oxford which would be a huge travesty. Oxford's musical history is long and ongoing and we need to help cultivate this rather than remove it. If we turn the last remaining central Oxford venue into student flats then I am not sure where we'll go from there. Also, these plans would go firmly against OCC's Oxford Local Plan 2036, particularly V7, which says: "The City Council will seek to protect and retain existing cultural and community facilities. Planning permission will not be granted for development that results in the loss of such facilities unless new or improved facilities can be provided at a location equally or more accessible by walking, cycling and public transport."