

# 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: None Erynn Blansjaar

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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
- General dislike or support for proposal

Comment: The Wheatsheaf music venue is a pillar of the Oxford music scene and community. Turning it into student accommodation seems a profit-driven decision instead of a community-driven one, and would move one step closer to the destruction of the indie Oxford music scene which has produced so many great bands. Another venue cannot be taken away in favour of student accommodation without something being given back.

Oxford is attractive to tourists and students because of its culture, and yet often the places that have allowed Oxford's culture to develop and flourish are being demolished and converted in favour of students and tourists. Oxford is one step closer to becoming one big student and tourist hub, leaving locals who are passionate about their community nowhere to go. This planning application is just another example of stamping out what remains of central Oxford's lively, supportive and talented music scene.

Additionally I would like to ask whether the proposed student flats will be considered 'affordable' accommodation, as, if these plans go ahead, it's crucial that we ensure those from less wealthy backgrounds can afford to live in convenient locations without being outpriced.