

# 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 p-c rae

Address: 40 Cornwallis Road oxford Oxford OX4 3NW

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Effect on existing community facilities

Comment: I work in music across a number of projects but at the moment most of my time is spent on producing the UK stage for The Department of International Trade at music business convention SXSW, promoting 50 new bands each year playing their first shows on US soil.

Music is a top ten export for the UK economy.

How is this relevant to the Wheatsheaf you ask?

Hyper relevant I would say. As what we seem to miss in this country a lot of the time is that unless there are grass-roots, local venues for artists to cut their teeth at the early stages of their career, the conveyor belt of new artists will eventually grind to a halt. Sometimes I get the impression from politicians that they have no idea where the music they listen to comes from, that they genuinely don't realise that everyone has to start somewhere.

If we don't do something to arrest the decline of small venues, in twenty years time, there simply will not be a new Radiohead, Foals or Supergrass.

The finances of these kinds of venues are precarious at best so they will come and go. But at some point the council needs to find a way to ensure that a reasonable base level to support a grass roots scene in the face of adverse conditions; Everything Not Saved, Will Be Lost.