

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 Daniel Porter

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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: The Wheatsheaf has provided a venue for up and coming acts on the Oxford Music scene for many years. I believe that the alternative venues listed do not fulfil the same role in the same way that this pub has done.

I have run a music session at local pubs in Oxford since 2004 and am in touch with regular contributors to the Oxford Music scene whether musicians or facilitators of gigs. Bands starting out in the city would be putting on their first gigs in venues like the Wheatsheaf (or the recently closed Cellar Bar); by removing this community facility, it becomes increasingly difficult for musicians to make their mark and develop their talent in a positive way.

Oxford has a rich history of Musical talent (Radiohead, Supergrass, Ride, The Candyskins, etc) and this is in no small part due to the community that is struggling to maintain these events to give musicians an opportunity to shine.

This application, if successful, would allow nine more students to live in the centre of town, but would deprive many more residents of regular live music in the heart of Oxford.

Please do the right thing and stop this planning application from stealing another great part of Oxford's local cultural heritage.