

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

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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
- Other - give details

Comment: The Wheatsheaf is one of the FINAL remaining live music venues in Oxford City Centre. It has allowed the gestation and birth of myriad performers and bands that have taken Oxford's culture and attitude to all four corners of the Earth.

Without these types of venues, local musicians and music will have no outlet, and people will lose a chance and a place to see live music, comedy, performance, etc.

The arts are more needed than ever in this day and age, and live venues provide a social and emotional link to others via the music/medium being performed. Both musicians/performers and the public need to have these spaces to interact on a close personal level. To allow the Wheatsheaf to be converted into flats removes one of the last existing physical spaces where this type of interaction can occur.

As a musician I have played at the Wheatsheaf. I have hosted a 40th birthday party at the Wheatsheaf, complete with band lineup, cake, and international guests. I have seen many a band play on its stage, have bought drinks for friends who have come out to see a gig. I have so much affection for this venue, and so many memories tied up with it and the space it has provided to so many over the years.

Please do not allow this music venue to be converted into flats.

Yours faithfully,
Michele Marietta