

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 Chris Turner

Address: 11304 Chandler Blvd North Hollywood 91601

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 is the main memory of my 7 years spent living in Oxford. I performed there over 100 times, and were it not for my time spent on that stage, I doubt I would have pursued a career in the arts that has provided my livelihood for the last 10 years.

With the dwindling number of stages and spaces in Oxford for townsfolk and students alike to take risks, practice their craft, and hone their skills, whether musical, theatrical, or comedic; the loss of The Wheatsheaf would be a crushing blow to the local arts scene, and with Oxford's pedigree of producing internationally known talent, the wider cultural environment as a result.

This says nothing of the audiences who would be deprived of original, innovative, risk-taking music and comedy that is sadly absent from larger venues.

Surely the benefits of granting this application - 9 more student rooms, surely not to be accessibly priced; and the potential profit for a landlord - are clearly outweighed by the huge losses to Oxford and her arts scene.

Too many venues have been lost in the past year. To close another purely due to one landlord's desire to earn more money is reprehensible.

This application should be swiftly rejected.