

# 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 Max Blansjaar

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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: I am 18 years old and living near Oxford. I'm an active participant in Oxford's music scene, which is very much under threat by the closure of venues like The Wheatsheaf, as outlined in this proposal. I'm concerned, as I believe many young people will be, by the implications of this proposal which would result in huge damage to the city centre's cultural scene.

In 2019, local venue The Cellar was forced to close its doors - in 2020, the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Centre, another space used as a local music venue, was sold to property developers. The Wheatsheaf is one of the few affordable venues left in the City Centre; but if this trend of community facilities being shut down continues, which this proposal ensures, then Oxford will have no grassroots music venues left at all.

I hope the Council will consider the massive impact this proposal has on the local community, and on young people in Oxford. In my opinion, the benefit of a few new student rooms is outweighed by the devastating cost to the community of closing down a grassroots music venue with such huge cultural value.