

# 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 Jeff Johns

Address: 16A Stonehall Flats Stonehouse Plymouth PL1 3 QZ

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Effect on existing community facilities

Comment: I heavily object to the closure of the Wheatsheaf because it has been an active focal point supporting so many creative people both in the Oxford area and nationally. The Wheatsheaf is so much more than a room with a stage, it is a community, that houses fans, artists, stage technicians, bar staff, promoters. It is a safe space for many people on the autistic and outsiders who can find the world a scary place. Venues like the Wheatsheaf are our modern day churches, places where people can meet. It's a place where friends and families have formed.

Loosing a venue like the wheatsheaf will drain life from a city that is crying out for culture.

Replacing it with bland empty student flats is beyond deflating, it's down right sickening cultural assets being flogged off for a quick buck.

music and venues like the Wheatsheaf bring in so much positivity and unity to their local communities. where are the next stars in future generations going to come from if we can't give them access to the stage, Where are the next Radiohead, Foals, Supergrass etc etc going to come from if we can't give them access to the stage. How can artists grow without supportive communities of venues like the Wheatsheaf.