

# 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 Harry Tuke

Address: 59 Hertford Street Oxford Oxford OX4 3AL

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Effect on adjoining properties
- Effect on character of area
- Effect on existing community facilities
- General dislike or support for proposal

Comment: It is unthinkable that the last small music venue in central Oxford is threatened with development and risks leaving Oxford with a serious lack of grassroots, cultural assets for young, up and coming bands as well as long established events.

The city has already lost the Cellar and Centre for Deaf and hard of hearing so we can't afford to lose this venue too.

The council has a duty to protect cultural venues, especially when the proposal would only add 9 student bedrooms. 9 rooms is not worth such a loss for the community, especially when significant developments on Cornmarket and the Clarendon Centre are providing a significant amount more already.

Some may argue that COVID has damaged venues, but it has highlighted how vital venues are and how much everyone is desperate to get back to live music and other events.

I implore the planning authority to refuse Tia's application or risk Central Oxford becoming empty of any real culture apart from its remaining historic importance. Culture is what happens now and in the future, not merely the historical significance of a place.