

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 Nigel Powell

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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
- General dislike or support for proposal
- Other - give details

Comment:Oxford has a significant cultural reputation that has contributed greatly to its world-renowned position. The venue currently housed in the upper floors of The Wheatsheaf has played a central and integral role in this. As a city, Oxford has long punched well-above its weight in popular music, and a vibrant and tight-knit grass-roots community, a community I have been associated with for decades now, has played a vital part. The Wheatsheaf has been essential to this community, and a place where bands and artists could cut their teeth on the way to national recognition.

But even without those bands who went on to national / international success, it is a place where musicians young and old can gather and share their cultural work in an encouraging environment, and thereby plays an ongoing role in the landscape of the city - not just the city, but all of the surrounding area.

Oxford has already seen a number of its small venues close over the last couple of years, making the argument against the loss of another creative outlet that much stronger. I urge you to reject this proposal for the sake of the continuing artistic development of the city and county.