

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: Ms Liz Woolley

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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

Comment:Oxford is rightly proud of its live music scene. The city has punched well above its weight in this regard, producing several internationally-famous bands over the last two decades, and hundreds - perhaps thousands - of others whose music is enjoyed by townspeople, students, visitors and tourists alike. This has only been possible thanks to venues like the Wheatsheaf, run by small teams of dedicated music fans. These venues have nurtured talent and contributed enormously to Oxford's vibrant live entertainment scene. The Wheatsheaf is now the only such venue left, and its loss would be a huge blow to Oxford. This is particularly true at a time when all of us - local residents and students - have been deprived of live entertainment for over a year, and are keen to embrace it again as soon as it can restart. The availability of live music, and the ability to enjoy it in the company of other people, will be vital to the restoration of citizens' mental health following the pandemic, and the Wheatsheaf has a key role to play in that.