

# 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 Matthew Bullock

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## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Amenity Group

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Effect on existing community facilities

Comment: Submitting this comment on behalf of the Oxford Branch of CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale.

We, Oxford CAMRA, object to the proposals for the following reasons:

1. Loss of a live music venue in the city centre (following on from The Cellar, and others recently). This is detrimental to the local and wider community and reducing provision for music in the city, reducing opportunity for local musicians and their crew and diminishing further the city's live music scene.
2. Effect on the Wheatsheaf pub - much of the pub's trade comes from the music venue above and without this (combined with not serving food as a wet-led pub) the pub will struggle and could then be deemed unviable by its owners leading to a further change of use application. The removal of the music venue reduces the viability of the pub which has traded as a pub since 1662 and has been a noted music venue since 1762.
3. Pubs need special protection post-pandemic to ensure they can continue to be viable businesses and this will have the opposite effect.
4. People will lost their jobs either directly or indirectly due to this proposal.
5. An excess of empty property in the city including retail and commercial would be better suited to conversion rather than destroying a viable business.