

Comments for Planning Application 13/00832/FUL

Application Summary

Application Number: 13/00832/FUL

Address: Former Ruskin College Site Walton Street Oxford Oxfordshire

Proposal: Redevelopment of existing student accommodation and teaching site comprising the demolition of all buildings, with exception of the 1913 Ruskin College facade to Walton Street and Worcester Place, and erection of 90 student study rooms, 3 Fellows/Staff residential rooms, teaching facilities, library archive social space, landscaping and associated works.

Case Officer: Angela Fettiplace

Customer Details

Name: Dr Sabina Lovibond

Address: 37 Richmond Road Oxford

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Effect on character of area
- Effect on traffic
- Height of proposal

Comment: The proposed building is too tall; has an aggressively modernist roofline, unsympathetic in both shape and materials to the Jericho conservation area, whose value lies in an organic collection of mainly modest, vernacular-style dwellings; will be damaging to the visual horizon to the north of Worcester College, which should be protected as a matter of public interest; and at the time of the exhibition I visited on 31 January, there were no satisfactory arrangements for bikes coming and going (in theory, they would have to follow the one-way system via Richmond Rd to get on to Walton St, which would be a nuisance to Richmond Rd; but in practice, many would no doubt go the wrong way up Worcester Place, which would be a safety hazard).