

# 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 John Saunders

Address: 73 Foundry House Walton Well Road Oxford

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Amount of development on site
- Contaminated land issues
- Effect on adjoining properties
- Effect on character of area
- Effect on existing community facilities
- Effect on pollution
- Effect on privacy
- General dislike or support for proposal
- Height of proposal
- Light - daylight/sunlight
- Local ecology, biodiversity
- Noise and disturbance
- On-street parking
- Open space provision

Comment: I have recently returned to Oxford after spending many years in Chichester. Chichester, once a nearly perfect small city, has suffered badly from poorly thought out and poorly imagined developments where notions of utility would seem to have obliterated any sense of history or aesthetics. But nothing in the Chichester developments would, in my view, be as insensitively crass and crudely utilitarian as is this proposed development.

Whenever I entertain visitors, I take them to Worcester as one of Oxford's hidden jewels. Once through the lodge, they enter a near magical world, of the quad, the gardens and the lake. Were this development to be accepted, much of that magic would be destroyed irreparably.

Ruskin were he to see the Exeter plans would turn in his grave.