

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: Mr Christoph Lakner

Address: St. Antony's College Oxford

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Members of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Effect on adjoining properties
- Effect on character of area
- Height of proposal

Comment: I am very concerned about the height of the building and the designs used for the top storey.

In my opinion the building is substantially too high. It is up to two storeys higher than the adjacent buildings in Worcester College (in particular the Ruskin Lane Building). It will thus overshadow not only the existing Worcester College buildings but also the surrounding area including Worcester Place.

The glass facade used on the top storey does not fit in with Worcester College and will substantially damage its visual appeal. Worcester College and its gardens are listed heritage sites.