

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: Ms Jennifer Rushworth

Address: Worcester College Oxford

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Amount of development on site
- Effect on adjoining properties
- Effect on character of area
- Effect on privacy
- Height of proposal

Comment: The proposed building is much higher than both the existing and surrounding building. This will overshadow accommodation in College and the view from the orchard, as from other areas of Worcester College that are enjoyed by both staff and students, and the general public. The proposed material for the roof (which will be shiny/"eye-catching" in the words of the architect) seems inappropriate to the character of other roofs in the surrounding area. The curved sweep of the roof ("wave-like") will also not match the usual more angular surrounding roofs and will stand out too much. I feel hurt and dismayed that Worcester College was consulted so late in the process, and that feedback was therefore never intended, it seems, to be taken into account. I hope that the proposal will decrease the height, in line with the Ruskin Lane Building (whose height, I understand, was limited during the planning procedure).