

# 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: Professor Robert Saxton

Address: Worcester College Oxford

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Standard Consultee

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 existing community facilities
- Effect on privacy
- General dislike or support for proposal
- Height of proposal
- Light - daylight/sunlight
- Noise and disturbance
- Open space provision

Comment: As a Tutorial fellow of Worcester College I object to the planning application by Exeter College on account of the following:

- 1). Exeter College's approach has been unacceptable, to say the least, with regard to a 'fellow' Oxford college whose land is adjacent to the proposed development site.
- 2). The proposed building is too high, causing serious issues of light and potential noise.
- 3). Worcester colleges' new building (the other side of the wall) is low-level and was 'ecologically and environmentally' very carefully considered.
- 4). Exeter have purchased land a long way from their own site, buying a building which is

'intuitively'/geographically Worcester College land (if not legally). They therefore have a moral duty to listen and to behave in accordance with 'civilised' values as regards further development. If this cannot be achieved in Oxford, where else could it be achieved?

5). Worcester College is widely known to be the most outstandingly beautiful college at either Oxford or Cambridge as regards grounds/gardens, having consistently won 'Oxford in Bloom' several years running. The proposed Exeter College development will overlook a most private and ancient part of Worcester's grounds (the orchard) with a building which, it appears, will not suit the environment.