

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 Chris Williams

Address: Worcester College Oxfordshire

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Effect on adjoining properties
- Effect on character of area

Comment: The proposed development is problematic in a number of areas, and will have a negative impact on the historic and significant extant structure of Worcester College. Two particular issues are:

1. The character of the building is obtrusive within the neighbourhood. The Worcester college buildings, and developments have always ensured that they work within, and do not overshadow the landscape of the area. Even if we only consider the height of the proposed building, this is a significant problem.
2. The loss of existing views is significant. This is both in looking out from Worcester to Oxford, and looking into Worcester from Oxford.