

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: Miss Sally Hall

Address: Worcester College Walton Street Oxford

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Effect on adjoining properties
- Effect on character of area
- Effect on existing community facilities
- General dislike or support for proposal
- Height of proposal
- Light - daylight/sunlight
- Noise and disturbance

Comment: I am a member of Worcester College. Worcester College is an extremely beautiful college with a very old orchard close to the proposed site for the building. The height, the proposed building materials, and the general design of the building will detract from the pleasant atmosphere of the orchard in particular by spoiling the view and reducing its feeling of open space. This is not just something that the members of Worcester College can enjoy; the college is open to members of the public everyday and if this proposed development is to go forward, it would detract from the general beauty of the college. From a number of key spots within college, the building will spoil views such as that of the historic Oxford observatory.

Also, the high height will also reduce the quality of the residential accommodation Worcester has very near this site: it will reduce sunlight and generally give a more cramped feel.

Worcester's own building developments in similar areas are unobtrusive as they are built to a low level and it was tried to make them as aesthetically pleasing as possible.

The proposal is built right up against the wall of our grounds, and will result in a loss of the area just behind our garden wall.

I hope these comments will be taken into account. I strongly feel it is wrong to let the beauty of such a historic site such as Worcester College be damaged by a new development.