

Application Summary

Address: The Black Boy Public House 91 Old High Street Oxford Oxfordshire OX3 9HT

Proposal: Change of use of first floor to provide 5 en-suite guest bedrooms and a studio flat. New external door to replace existing window and new external fire escape.

Case Officer: Robert Fowler

The Friends of Old Headington note that this a re-submission of a planning application that was submitted in 2009 and which has subsequently lapsed. The proposals for alterations to the building are substantially unchanged from 2009 and as such we have no objection to these plans, as before.

Concerns have been expressed locally about the possible adverse effects that the development might have on residential parking nearby. We support the County Council's suggestion that the studio unit should be ineligible for parking permits. The County also suggest that dedicated parking provision should be provided on the forecourt of the pub, but rather than be used exclusively for the *guest* bedrooms we think it best that *priority* be given to these rooms, i.e. that the spaces be available for pub users when no guests are staying overnight. This way the pressures on local parking nearby can be reduced.

Finally, we note that the county have placed the pub in the Headington Northeast (HN) CPZ; it is in fact in Headington Central (HE).