

1930 Student friendly parking

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Union notes

1. Many UEA students come from the Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire counties.
2. Lecture times vary across facilities, with some finishing as late as 8pm.
3. The last Costessey Park and Ride bus departs from the university at 7:15pm.
4. Due to a variety of factors, including significant cuts to council budgets, public transport can be infrequent, unreliable, and sometimes doesn't even operate.
5. The lack of parking spaces mean that students who are fortunate enough to have parking permits often have to get to university at noticeably early hours to guarantee a space.
6. As the University student population and accommodation prices increase, we are likely to see a rise in students attending university from their family home.

Union believes

1. A student's personal living situation should not restrict their ability to engage with various university experiences.
2. The appeal service for parking is noticeably unfair and many students feel it is unjust.
3. Students that face considerable commute times should not have extra pressures placed onto them by the University.
4. Often it is students with caring responsibilities, mature students and students with disabilities that face challenges with parking due to an unworkable system.
5. The way the parking is assigned may put off local students from coming to the university, and is a considerable factor for many

Union resolves

1. To mandate the Welfare, Community and Diversity Officer to lobby the university to investigate opportunities to improve the parking assignment system for students that are commuters.
2. To consult with students that commute to university from their home to identify the main concerns regarding parking at UEA for those that need it.
3. To lobby for more parking spaces to be made available to students.