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MEDIA RELEASE

“Students are facing a car parking nightmare”

Students are struggling to attend their classes on time at the beginning of this semester due to a lack of available parking. Student complaints to the Newcastle University Students' Association (NUSA) suggest that current parking arrangements are unacceptable, and some cases students are searching up to 90 minutes for available spaces. Some students have indicated to NUSA that this has meant they have abandoned attending lectures and tutorials on campus altogether.

The University has allocated free overflow parking but that also has been inadequate for students or visitors to the campus so far this semester. These spaces are often in areas that are very far away from lecture theatres and classrooms, and that are risky to navigate in low lighting.

Quotes attributable to Bobbie Antonic, NUSA Transport Convener

“The University of Newcastle needs to produce a proper parking strategy for students, involving them in the process.”

“The parking situation has been going on for years, and it's time to do something about it.”

“We call on the University of Newcastle to do the right thing; cease giving out parking fines and grant an amnesty to all those who have already received them.”

“Students should not be punished for trying to attend their classes just because the parking facilities are inadequate.”

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