

Are We There Yet?



To clamp or not to Clamp?

The situation with parking at university is out of control. There are approximately between seven and eight thousand students currently attending university. Imagine that! 7000 cars, all trying to fit into approximately 1300 blue parking spaces. No wonder only about 2500 drive to university. Staff at the University, have much more parking in comparison to students. Staff has about 800 parking spaces (including both yellow and white boxes), and the staff itself actually consists of only about 1200 people. Come 9:00am, there is chaos to park. Students will be frantically looking for someone to vacate a space, in order to make it on time to their lecture. Sometimes they are left no choice and have to park badly, which could end up making their day €23 more expensive.



Getting To University!

So it's 7:00am, you've just stumbled out of bed. You're already thinking, 'I'm never going to find where to park!' Now, apart from that issue, there is a whole load of traffic getting there.

This means you have to leave the house even earlier than you usually would. If it takes 5 minutes to get from your house to University, then chances are that between 7:20am and 8:45am, it could take you a good half an hour and that's only if you live 5 minutes away! Let alone how long it would take if you lived 20 minutes away without traffic.

Road bumps.

When a driver passes over the speed bumps at University, they would notice why they are in such a bad state. For very low cars, this is a great hazard as the bumper of car, and the underside will get scraped.

The bumps are still made of stone and they are all jagged. If a motorcycle had to pass over them, it could very easily be a death trap. Also, the stone bumps are illegal. New bumps should have been installed. These new bumps are made of plastic. Only two bumps, around the entrance are of this sort.

“Too many white boxes... Not enough blue ones!”



State of Roads

The dirty, muddy and slippery state of the ring road is also a hazard. If a vehicle had to accidentally skid, not only themselves and their car are in peril, but also the jam packed parked cars on both sides would be. Also, there is no pavement around the ring road for pedestrians to walk on. They therefore have to perilously walk between the parked and moving cars. This is very dangerous as some cars drive at high speeds. Also when large trucks pass, there is a very limited space for them to pass through between cars.



Bus Services

Students, non-academic staff and lecturers are encouraged to use the public service provided. It is a very efficient service and is used by many students. However, the people making use of this service are those who are lucky enough

to have a bus pass through their area, or even locality. As we can see from the list provided, those people trying to get to University from Marsascala, for example, have no direct service. This is very unfortunate as that makes them more inclined to use their own

“Not enough buses... not punctual but at least it’s cheap!”

vehicles. Thus this creates problems with parking on Campus. Another point is that the direct busses pass only once every hour. This is not comfortable when trying to get around in between lectures. I am sure that making the bus service

more efficient would make road traffic in general much lighter.

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