

## **Student Housing Needs to be Sorted**

Dear Editor,

Students and residents alike are understandably aggrieved by the deterioration in university bus services due to driver recruitment problems, lack of buses and timetable & route changes, but the underlying problem is surely B&NES' longstanding unwillingness to draw up a student housing policy, as called for by FoBRA for years, while condoning uncontrolled university expansion?

With 26,000 university students and 3,000 HMOs, Bath already hosts one of the highest concentrations of students in the country. University of Bath student numbers continue to increase every year but currently fewer than one-fifth are housed on campus.

Against this background, it is little wonder that every new academic year puts an increased demand on the public transport on which residents and the vast majority of students rely.

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