Student complaints

Anti-social behaviour fury for residents

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RESIDENTS are calling for action to tackle student behaviour in east Reading.

More than 100 complaints have been sent to the University of Reading (UoR), the police and the council about anti-social behaviour in the area surrounding a halls of residence, which the university wants to expand.

Whitley Park Lane resident Jessica Di Luccio has been recording anti-social behaviour witnessed by her and neighbours in the area surrounding St Patrick’s Hall for the last 15 months.

They include reports of vomiting and urinating in residents’ gardens, chanting and screaming until 3am and leaving cans of beer and pizza boxes on the streets.

Anti-social behaviour has been recorded on east Reading roads including Northcourt Avenue, Christchurch Road and Whitley Park Lane.

Ms Di Luccio said: “Residents have been victim to over 15 months of chanting, swearing, shouting, screaming, banging of bus shelters, walking on bus shelters, booze litter, vomiting and urinating on our streets.”

A UoR spokesman said: “UoR is committed to being a good neighbour and we work closely with our neighbours, the Students’ Union, council and police to make improvements where possible.

“We have robust disciplinary procedures and we regularly communicate with our students of their obligations to our local community.

“We manage student behaviour in a number of ways.”