Dear Sir or Madam,

I received a parking ticket on 22nd March but I believe there are mitigating circumstances to explain why I had parked where I did and I would like to submit an appeal for the following reasons:

There are mitigating circumstances to explain why I parked where I did so I am requesting that the fine be waived for this reason. Many students and other citizens who do not live on Beech Grove park their vehicles on this road since the parking is always free. However, due to this reason, people who live on Beech Grove such as myself have no space to park their cars. Hence, when I got back from work last night and could not park anywhere near my home, I ended up parking at the end of the road – where my vehicle was found this morning.

I am aware of the parking restrictions that exist on this road. However, this has never been an issue and other residents of Beech Grove do often park there with no consequences. Furthermore, my vehicle was not obstructing the traffic nor was it in anyone's way. I had been keeping an eye out onto the street and was going to move it as soon as an alternative parking spot became available. Therefore, I believe that a fine of £35.00 is unjust, considering the parking infringement was not causing any obstructions and there were no alternative parking spots near my home.

Finally, I would also like to note that I am a law abiding citizen with no prior fines. I made an honest mistake, however I cannot afford to pay the fine as I am currently an undergraduate student at the University of Surrey. I am financing the course myself with no maintenance loans, grants or support from my family. Therefore, having to pay the fine would create extra burden on my already difficult financial situation.

I hope you take my appeal into consideration.

Yours faithfully,