

An overdue departure

HAVING followed Wanderers for over 60 years I feel the move from Loakes Park is long overdue.

In my opinion the sloping pitch has always been an embarrassment to the club.

I once heard two visiting players talking and one said to the other: "I always feel that one leg is shorter than the other when I finish playing here."

If I have my facts right, the area of land available at Sands is going to limit the capacity to 6,000.

I don't see that as a good thing considering the future plans of the club to gain

Football League status.

With no other League club within 15 to 20 miles I would say a much larger following than 6,000 could be expected if Wanderers are successful.

I have had the opinion for many years that, subject to council planning approval, the ideal position would be Hollywell Mead.

It's a large area of flat land with plenty of room for expansion and parking with easy access in a central position.

As a matter of interest I would like to hear the comments from the club officials and supporters. — **Bert Spicer, 26 Grove Road, Hazlemere.**

Reject this offer now!

I READ that a substantial offer has been made by a property company to buy Loakes Park.

As an old, one time enthusiastic supporter of the Wanderers, I would like to think this offer will be rejected.

To watch Wycombe's matches was a high spot of my boyhood, especially the 1930s when we won the old Amateur Cup with players such as Jim Kipping, Alf Britnell, Doug Vernon etc.

Thousands used to turn up at the matches, many more than attend the Third and Fourth Division games today.

Having moved away from Wycombe long since I have still always followed Wanderers' progress.

I was sorry to see them leave the old Isthmian League but pleased at their progress in the FA Cup and their current success in the Trophy.

Loakes Park was given to the club by Frank Adams with, I think, the proviso that they should never turn professional.

The distinction between amateur and professional has now gone.

But I feel the club has a moral duty not to sell the ground.

I would like to think there is a good deal of feeling against such a move. — **Mr K. W. J. Wood, 7 Twyn Pandy, Llangynidr, Crickhowell, Powys.**