

Call for decision on Loakes Park

A PLEA has been made for a speeding-up of future plans for Loakes Park football ground in High Wycombe. Chairman of the Community Health Council, Jeannie Wood-Smith, said she was concerned that the plans for Wycombe Hospital to expand may be allowed to slip.

As a result, Wycombe Health Authority could be short of much needed beds for the elderly mentally infirm, due to be re-located at Wycombe Hospital when St John's in Aylesbury closes.

Roy Darby, general manager of the health authority, said there was no news on the football club site. At a planning meeting in July, Wycombe District Council's planning committee had turned down a proposal by Wycombe Wanderers to move to a new ground at Sands.

At the moment, the hospital will not be able to expand onto Loakes Park until an alternative site for the club is found.