
WHILE Wycombe Wanderers are not expected to win the Vauxhall Conference championship at the first attempt on joining the higher league next season, club officials will face next session almost hoping that they don't.

The club's future ground problems took another downturn last week when Wycombe Council decided that its tactics at the forthcoming public inquiry into a retail warehouse plan for Loakes Park should be to oppose the application.

Not that the council could have decided on any other course in view of its published planning guidelines for the town centre. It could hardly be the first to break its own guidelines which frown on that type of development in the town centre.

The council, who at one time had its own housing plan for the site, would like to see the whole of the ground, and not just part of it, developed for hospital extensions and other community uses. So would most people in the town.

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