



● Chairman Ivor Beeks (left) and Brian Lee, who has charge of the project, with a sketch of the new ground at Sands

Here we go!

By Josie Golden

A DEAL worth £2m to take Wycombe Wanderers into the 21st century was unveiled yesterday (Tuesday).

Work on the new stadium in Hillbottom Road, Sands, High Wycombe, is set to start in January and finish in time for the 1991-92 season.

Club chairman Ivor Beeks said full planning permission for 6,000-capacity ground, with room to expand, had been granted in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Wanderers have been looking to move from their present site at Loakes Park for 17 years, and the planned move to Sands

Blues given OK to move

is the result of a planning appeal.

The stadium, to be called Adams Park, after ex-Wanderer Frank who gave Loakes Park to the club, will provide seating for 1,000, parking for more than 300 cars and covered terracing for other spectators.

Ex-chairman Brian Lee, who has been put in charge of the project, described it as an "exciting and futuristic" scheme which would ensure football in High Wy-

combe continued to be played at a high level for years to come.

The stadium will have a natural grass pitch and incorporate the latest safety standards after lessons learned following the tragedies of Bradford and Brussels.

The contract for developing the ground, designed by Robert Pearson of Project Design, will now go out to tender, with work scheduled to finish on April 30, 1990.

Already, water board workers have moved on to the site, beside an industrial estate, to start diverting water and sewerage pipes.

Though the club has put by £2m for the project, Mr Beeks said they would be looking to the public for sponsorship.