

COMMENT

A disaster for us all

IT is entirely appropriate that the Mayor of Wycombe, Cllr Mohammed Razzaq, should express sympathy on behalf of all of us to those so grievously suffering after the tragedy at Hillsborough on Saturday afternoon.

This was a disaster that, in its horror, reaches everyone's heart whether they follow the national game or not with eye-witnesses suggesting that it came about through a combination of well-intentioned misjudgements. That is often the way in such matters

Yet the root cause surely lies in many decades of greed and short-sightedness by the football authorities.

They have spent ludicrous amounts on players yet comparatively little on erecting modern grounds with safe and proper facilities for fans.

Here, albeit on a much smaller scale than Hillsborough, Wycombe Wanderers begin building their new stadium next month for use in the 1991-92 season. It will undoubtedly incorporate every safety feature deemed necessary.

The great clubs of the land will likewise have to adopt radical measures. Not another life must be sacrificed on the altar of football.