

Wanderers pitch plan is rejected

A MOVE by Wycombe Wanderers to set up a synthetic practice pitch at their new ground has been scuttled by Wycombe District Council's development control panel.

The plan was given the thumbs down at Wednesday night's meeting but only by one vote.

Cllr Valerie Letheren commended the football club for its work with young people and for its positive attitude.

"I feel sorry for the football club and I admire the spirit there," she said.

Cllr Kathleen Peatey supported the

application for its benefit to the community, particularly in getting young people involved.

But Cllr Letheren added she was against the application because the new pitch would be 10m higher than the normal pitch, 16-metre high floodlights would surround it, and the football club's hours of use would increase.

"It is envisaged that it would be used for 40 to 50 hours a week," she said.

Cllr Rogg told the meeting: "My favourite football team is Chelsea. It is at the top of the First Division and it has no practice pitch."