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Scrapping Green Belt grass pitch was absurd

And timber merchant Ted Binder, of Cryers Hill, took it with the hearty laugh for which he's noted, when it was suggested that he should not be considered as a club representative at any tree preservation meeting.

In point of fact, of course, Ted loves trees, not just for their capital value, and was just as much distressed at the damage done to woodlands by recent gales as the next man. He well knows the value of sensible felling and thinning.

A little belatedly, but while on the subject of the environment, I cannot resist the temptation to comment of the latest nonsensical decision of the planning committee of Wycombe District Council to turn down the latest application from Wycombe Wanderers — this time for a turfed area at the new stadium site for use as a practice pitch.

Not this time, be it noted for a synthetic pitch. In the Green Belt, it seems, one cannot put down an area of green grass. Isn't that the absurdity to cap all absurdities?

Councillor Len Hampton asked quite rightly what was wrong with laying down a strip of turf in the area? Even allowing for the 'tunnel vision' which I was accused of having, I cannot for the life of me make sense of the response.

Perhaps the real answer lies in the comment of another prominent planner who indicated that since the Blues had gone into the Green Belt they must learn to live with it. With all respect for that opinion it does seem to me to be just sheer bloody-mindedness.

Isn't it a little ironical that the Wanderers' first opponents in a series of pre-season friendly matches should be Nottingham Forest.

I am now able to reveal exclusively that there is no truth in the rumour that soccer dissenting planners are to be offered honorary membership of the club by frustrated Ivor Beeks and Brian Lee.