

FEARS for the safety of children were expressed as fans converged on the new Blues' ground.

With more than 5,000 fans attending the game, there is car parking space for just 350 cars.

The result was cars filling up spaces in the neighbouring industrial estate and lining the streets of the Sands area of High Wycombe.

Residents interviewed by the Star said it was difficult to tell what the future would be like because this was a special game.

They also admitted that 99 per cent of the fans would be well behaved.

But their fears were over the dangerous parking of some motorists and their impatience leading to some driving on the pavements. Such actions, residents claimed, could lead to children being injured or killed.

Residents were baffled that plans to control parking had not been sorted out by the club and Wycombe District Council before the ground opened.

They were also amazed that police ignored the illegal parking of some motorists.

Traffic mars big match

RESIDENTS are fuming after Wycombe Wanderers' first match at its Adams Park stadium caused traffic chaos.

According to many householders, Thursday evening was a catalogue of congested roads, blocked driveways, and illegal parking on verges and in private car parks.

Police struggled to keep a route free for emergency vehicles as almost 5,000 people flocked to the prestige game against First Division Nottingham Forest.

Pat Hammond, of Combe Rise, said: "It was just bedlam. I have never seen so much traffic in my life. I am very disappointed indeed. They said there would be ample parking facilities."

Club director Brian Lee said he shared the concerns of residents but it was too early to come to conclusions about tackling the traffic problems.

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