

BUMPER gates at Wycombe's first home games of the season angered folk living nearby as parked cars took every available space.

As the Blues met the might of Nottingham Forest and Southampton at Adams Park, drives of neighbouring houses were blocked and tempers flared.

Arthur Mount, of Lane End Road, Sands, returned from shift work at Heathrow Airport on Thursday night to find a car blocking his drive.

He said: "I was furious. A policeman drove past and I pointed it out to him but he just grinned and drove on.

"I had to park and wait for the guy to come back. Even then he just shrugged his shoulders.

"Now the ground has been built they may as well go the whole hog and build a decent sized car park, landscaped like the one for Wycombe 6."

Emergency

Arthur, who has a wife, Gillian, and two-year-old daughter Hannah, warned if there were problems at the new ground, emergency services wouldn't be able to get through.

"I work with safety every day at Heathrow, so I am very aware of the dangers of congestions. With just one road, it is a bottleneck."

Darren Stephens, of Chapel Lane, Sands, said: "I wanted to go out to get a takeaway, but couldn't get out of the drive. It was just awful.

"My mum is threatening to sell the house, although I suppose it won't be as bad once these special

Soccer's big gates cause traffic chaos for families

matches are out of the way."

Wanderers director Brian Lee, said: "Parking was much better on Tuesday, because of the smaller attendance.

"People are blaming the club if people park in front of their drives, but it's not our fault if cars are parked there.

"We obviously have a few teething problems, but they are sorting themselves out."

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