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MORE than 300 people angry at cars clogging roads near Adams Park football stadium signed a petition which was handed to Wycombe District Council this week.

Norma Lawner, organiser of the Sands Residents' Action Group, gave the petition to council chairman Frank Sweatman in the hope that something can be done to take cars away from nearby roads when Wycombe Wanderers play at home.

Mrs Lawner, of Stanley Road, Sands, High Wycombe, and her neighbours say they have been forced to block off their private road on match days.

The campaigner said double parking was also a problem.

"There was a fire down one of the roads and it was a problem for the emergency vehicles to get through.

"On a Tuesday evening when there is a match, you can't get through to your house," she said and added that other roads also suffered.

But the group does not want double yellow lines painted there because residents and their visitors would not be able to park there. Waiting restrictions that applied only on match days would be a good idea, Mrs Lawner said.

The residents' district councillor Val Letheren, chairman of the environmental services committee Pam Priestley and council leader Andrew Green were on hand to give the latest information.

They said the council, which opposed the stadium plans in Hillbottom Road, had met with the highways authority Buckinghamshire County Council and the football club to push for action.

The council was now waiting for the county to say what waiting restrictions could be put on the roads and would ask the club to lay on more buses.



Sands residents watch Norma Lawner hand over the 301-signature petition to council chairman Frank Sweatman