

# What a cheek Arthur Church has to criticise

PLOUGHING a way through the recent Arthur Church column, it was some time before I realised he was up to his old tricks again.

The article was not just a description of an innocent tussle with the district council information machine.

Instead it was part of his campaign to overcome the opposition to the efforts by Wycombe Wanderers to spread themselves into the Area Of Natural Beauty (AONB) and Green Belt, despite the heavy restrictions imposed by the Local Plan and the policies relating to the AONB and Green Belt.

Mr Church has used his column repeatedly to support the club and has tried to represent the club's effort as most beneficial to the town. He is surprised that any Councillor could fail to support him and his friend Councillor Len Hampton, and those who run the club.

He even has the cheek to criticise the spoil which has been dumped during the making of the approved pitch, ignoring completely that it is the duty of the club to move this.

They refuse to do it in the hope that it will provide a bargaining counter for their further attempts to create a second pitch.

The supreme irony of the whole affair is that the club was granted this exceptional permission for a ground in order to free part of Loakes Park for what was claimed to be vital building to house geriatric patients.

We now see that the scheme has collapsed and that the club need not have moved from Loakes Park in the first place.

It is most noticeable that the club has avoided going to appeal to decide the issue impartially. Instead a vigorous campaign has been waged to weaken those right minded Councillors who are opposed to the unwarranted ambitions of the Wanderers.

We urge the councillors to stand firm and resist the wiles of Mr Church and his friends. In doing this they will deserve the respect of a large number of townsfolk who care for the town's future and that of the surrounding countryside.

Football is a great game but there are much more important considerations at stake.

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