

SPEAKING of controversial applications, I was pleased to see so many councillors at Adams Park this week for the official opening of Wycombe Wanderers' new £3.5 million stadium by the Duke of Kent.

It was a good opportunity to build a few bridges between the two organisations and I hope relations will thaw enough to allow the training pitch to be built.

I know there are plans by Wycombe District Council to host the Wanderers on their return from Wembley, whether or not they win, which is great news for a district gripped by cup fever.

I am told that 17,000 tickets have already been sold and there are predictions that up to 40,000 people could be there on May 11.

I pray that the weather is better than it was on Monday and that the Blues don't let in two goals in the first four minutes.

Meanwhile, I was greatly amused when Blues chairman Ivor Beeks handed over the club pennant to victorious Barnet with the words "I am sure Stan (Flashman – the mercurial chairman) will find a good use for this", and some wag shouted out: "Yes, he'll sell it".