

Fate of training pitch hangs in the balance

PLANNERS have delayed their decision on whether to let FA Trophy winners Wycombe Wanderers build a training pitch.

Councillors opted to once again visit Adams Park in Hillbottom Road, High Wycombe, saying new members on the planning panel should be familiar with the issue.

Conservationists and residents living near the site applauded speeches on Wednesday opposing the plan, just days after the club won at Wembley.

Wycombe District Council has to decide if the

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plan's proposed extra 202 car parking spaces is a proper exception to its Green Belt policy where new building is usually forbidden.

Planning officers have recommended that the planning panel tell its parent body on June 3 to allow the pitch. The site visit takes place on May 29.

Two of the councillors for the area, Val Letheren and Andrew Green, said

the council had not wanted the stadium there in the first place but it was allowed by the Environment Secretary.

Cllr Green said the council could not win because any decision would either lose the pitch or break Green Belt policy. But it was 51 per cent right to allow the pitch because the parking spaces would take more fans' cars off the roads.

Blues' general manager Brian Lee said the move to delay the decision was a wise one while new councillors got to know the site.