

Street ban will keep fans away, fears club

WYCOMBE Wanderers' general manager Brian Lee fears football fans will stay away from matches next season because Buckinghamshire County Council last week banned parking in streets near Adams Park.

"Presumably people will be parking further and further away and having a long walk to the ground," Mr Lee told the Bucks Free Press.

"We don't know how many supporters we are losing as a result of the parking and traffic problems at the moment. We want to live peacefully with our neighbours and at the same time we want to ensure as many people as want to come to the game can do."

Permanent waiting restrictions in Hillbottom Road, Sands, and the surrounding area are being rushed through by council highways chiefs in time for the next football season.

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Assistant county engineer John Currell told the county highways and public transport sub-committee on Thursday that the Adams Park stadium had been planned and built before the Hillsborough tragedy, and before the 1990 Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds.

With average crowds of 3,000 people at the ground, pedestrians blocked the whole of Hillbottom Road and Lane End Road for at least 30 minutes after a match.

There had been constant complaints from residents objecting to supporters' cars obstructing their street, and the police were pressing for waiting restrictions.

Cllr David Shakespeare (Con. West Wycombe and Sands) told members: "On days when Wycombe Wanderers are playing in Sands there are horrendous problems for residents."