

Council's decision is a result of apathy

I WRITE to express my congratulations and whole-hearted support for your editorial 'Another Kick in the Teeth' in the BFP July 19.

It is unbelievable that after all the compromises and the proven need for additional car-parking at Adams Park, WDC should once again have rejected the Training Pitch on the grounds of obtrusiveness.

During my time as a councillor, I was frequently distressed by the negativity of many decisions. This is the result of apathy.

People who are 'for' things very rarely write to their councillor, whereas shoals of protest letters are regularly received. Small wonder that councillors usually end up adopting negative attitudes. It is much easier to reject a proposal than to run the risk of being wrong.

I was among the crowd outside the Council Offices when we celebrated the FA Trophy victory. All those people shouted for the Training Pitch.

Unfortunately, it seems that shouting is not enough. They will have to do something positive in support. Some lobbying and letter-writing would make a start.

I hope that Wycombe Wanderers and their thousands of supporters will not give up the fight and wish them every success in the forthcoming season.

I also read on Page 2 of the BFP that there is to be 'midnight golf' at the Council's Golf Course – glowing lights and all, on that beautiful green belt hillside. I wonder how the council defines 'obtrusive'?

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Sands people need to be supported

THE lead article and editorial (BFP, July 19) concerning refusal of a practice pitch for Wycombe Wanderers, left me amazed at how biased and one-sided your story was.

You talk of democracy – what of the same rights for the local residents since the arrival of Adams Park on their doorstep.

Mr Lee should realise the council wish the team every success I'm sure, but have a real and greater responsibility to the environment and the people who live in the area.

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Decision on training pitch was a disgrace

THIS is, I am sure, one of many letters you will receive from disappointed, devastated and amazed Wycombe Wanderers' Football Club supporters with the further rejection of a training pitch and car parking space at Adams Park.

I have after this issue withdrawn any faith and trust (if I ever had any) in local authority. Certain members of the council have totally gone back on their words from the previous meeting, that the supposed application of lowering the training pitch by two metres would automatically have been passed, or that is what I was led to believe.

What a pack of lies.

If it was left to the town to vote on this situation, as it now should be, there would I am sure be no contest. The football club would have a majority of tens of thousands of votes, not five.

The site on which Adams Park now stands was at one time a corn field or barren land, not the beauty spot to which some people have been made to believe, and being totally inaccessible.

I for one have never seen hordes of nature watchers descend every day – yes, every day as they now do – to focus upon the Mecca of non-league football stadiums, with the likes of visitors from Merthyr to Gateshead.

Could you imagine the likes of the Duke of Kent, or even Brian Clough, opening a cornfield?

My last wish is that the councillors against this movement should be made known publicly. I am sure there are enough supporters in their community that would like to express their feelings to them personally.

I will certainly be asking my candidate at the next by-election if he or she supports Wycombe Wanderers FC when they come round asking for my vote.

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