

POLICE were bombarded with complaints from residents angry at parking chaos around Wycombe Wanderers Football Club.

Superintendent Suzanna Becks and two inspectors fended questions from a packed meeting at the club's ground, Adams Park, on Thursday night. They were greeted with a barrage of grievances about life close to the ground.

People living nearby demanded answers to the problem of football supporters' cars clogging Sands at every home game.

And, they wanted to know why double yellow lines weren't enforced, why a park-and-ride scheme couldn't be introduced and why access to the ground improved.

Supt Becks told the meeting: "We are trying to help you live with the football club. The football club is here and it's not going to go away."

People who live nearby suggested that double yellow lines were being ignored because the police do not enforce them.

But Insp Paul Kirby defended the police action: "People's safety must come before parking. We haven't got an unlimited amount of police officers.

"Every effort is made to enforce the double yellow lines, but we have to prioritise our efforts."

There was praise for the

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way the emergency services handled a major fire next to the ground in January, but some people felt that poor access could lead to another Hillsborough or Bradford disaster.

This was rejected by Supt Becks who insisted the club has first-class safety measures in place, and it was revealed that the club pays more for its policing than any other in the Vauxhall Conference.

This did little to placate the audience, many of whom pressed for a park-and-ride scheme to be introduced.

Insp Kirby claimed the police would help with such a project, but added that it could bring further problems.

"If people were waiting in this area, we would have to put extra resources into it, to stop any public order problems," he said.