

Traffic chaos fear as Blues kick-off

RESIDENTS living near Adams Park fear the start of the football season tomorrow will herald more chaos on the roads through their neighbourhood.

Sands Residents' Association, which met on Monday, said it has already experienced traffic problems from Wycombe Wanderers pre-season friendlies at the Hillbottom Road ground.

Spokesman Steve Billingham told the Bucks Free Press residents were bracing themselves for a possible increase in traffic now the club has been promoted to Division Three.

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"How can you be prepared? It has started already. We have already seen a traffic increase in the area, but it is not so bad yet," he said.

The association feels it has been given small consolation after the club revealed it still has no immediate plans to build its training pitch and additional car park.

The scheme, approved in January, was rubber-stamped by Wycombe District Council's planning applications panel on Wednesday.

Club secretary John Goldsworthy said the pitch and car park were unlikely to be ready during the coming season.

"The board of directors will look at the best way to handle the project," he said, adding: "The planning permission is for five years."

That means the club has until 1998 to build the car park and training pitch before the permission expires.

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it. It's not going to happen immediately," added Mr Goldsworthy.

The club has fought hard for a training pitch at Adams Park since July 1991. Its plans, which were amended at one stage, were conditionally approved on January 11, this year.

Mr Billingham said the association was initially pleased to hear about the delay.

"The good news is that they are not going to do it for the time being. Our argument was that it was going to bring more traffic into the area," he said.

Blues win permission – but no pitch yet

WYCOMBE Wanderers have no immediate plans to build a training pitch and additional car park – despite winning a lengthy planning battle for permission.

A Wycombe District Council committee gave the club the go-ahead for the work on Wednesday

when it rubber-stamped an earlier decision.

But club secretary John Goldsworthy told Midweek on Thursday that the pitch and car park were unlikely to be ready during the coming season, which starts this month.

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The club has fought hard for a training pitch at its Adams Park ground, Hillbottom Road, High

Wycombe, since July 1991, when the council first turned down the scheme.

The club appealed, but a public inquiry was postponed at its request.

Wanderers then submitted amended plans for the pitch, which was approved, with conditions, on January 11 this year.