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Blues have to create space

IT would seem that Wycombe Wanderers has proved to be less than fully prepared to fulfil its status as a Football League Club, as far as ground management is concerned.

Take the Davenport Vernon stand which has clearly visible space for many more spectators when it is closed for reaching its safety limit.

A club steward told me this is because there aren't enough crush barriers in this stand.

Why not?

It would not have added much to the total cost when Adams Park was constructed, and the need for crush barriers to accommodate more spectators was obvious last

season. Yet nothing was done, even after Wycombe got promotion. And no plans have been announced to build these barriers.

I believe the Football Trust gives financial help with stadium safety measures. If for any reason Adams Park doesn't qualify, can't the club pay for them out of its own funds? The extra gate money alone would surely generate the extra money.

My other complaint is that Wycombe Wanderers is the only League Club (in my experience) which doesn't have a separate ground entrance for ticket holders. If you have a ticket, you still have to join the queue (up to 20 minutes recently) with supporters who are paying at the turnstile. Not much fun for an elderly pensioner with

a season ticket.

In the programme for the first home game, Mr Beeks – the chairman – said this problem was being looked at, but none of the club officials I spoke to recently knew when. Surely it cannot be such a huge task. Meanwhile, ticket holders face the prospect of a queue – and no guarantee after 20 minutes you'll actually get in. If only the necessary building work could have been done in the close season.

It pains me to write this as the officials and stewards do an excellent job on match days, and are invariably patient with us disenchanted supporters.

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