

Parking needs need sympathy

WITH reference to the letter from the chairman of the Highways and Public Transport Sub-Committee of Buckinghamshire County Council, is it any wonder that there is conflict between the council and the town's football club?

What chance is there of our football club and us, the club's supporters, receiving any kind of reasonable and realistic help over the parking issue when a woman in this position tells us that "the onus is on Wycombe Wanderers Football Club, as it would be on any other commercial organisation, to solve their own parking difficulties."

What hope can we have of fair treatment when someone in this position (presumably with powers influencing the

decisions which will be made) cannot see the obvious, fundamental differences between the town's football club and a branch of Sainsbury's?

Furthermore, how much longer can people like this be allowed to inflict such unwanted and unnecessary parking restrictions on us using bland, meaningless excuses like "for the sake of their neighbours we must make sure that the local roads are kept free for traffic to pass"?

As for the inference that these extra restrictions are being proposed with the local residents' interests in mind, could we have her explanation as to why the Sands Residents' Association is campaigning AGAINST the proposed restrictions?

With these proposals clearly being opposed by the football club, the thousands of people who enjoy visiting Adams Park each year, AND the local residents' association, perhaps Mrs Wingrove could inform us who (if anyone) apart from a few councillors sitting around a desk in Aylesbury (of all places) really wants these proposals approved.

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Residents do want ban

I WRITE in direct response to the comments by Denise Lindsay in your article about the parking ban in the area surrounding Adams Park.

I wholeheartedly disagree with her comments, most residents are not in favour of the ban and I for one am certainly not. Has she for one moment thought what this ban will mean to those who cannot get their cars off the road?

Has she thought what it will mean to visitors at a peak family time - Saturday afternoon - when they try to visit by car?

I don't think she could have, so I'll tell her - and anyone of a like mind - what it means.

I personally can get one of our two cars off the road, so if my husband is home first it means that on a football Saturday evening (which by the way I wouldn't know unless they issued me with an agenda for the whole year) I would be forced to park up to half a mile away from my home in Pinewood Road and walk up a very steep hill with a seven-year-old, a four-year-old and pram with ten-week old baby, plus shopping.

As to visitors, I would be asking them to do the same, with their belongings and children.

Has Ms Lindsay thought about the effect it will have when selling her property?

Try finding someone to buy your home when you admit to them that at the most popular family times - evenings and Saturdays - they can't park outside and they can't invite anyone to visit them?

I do understand that the emergency services must have access to local roads and indeed the ground, but to completely clear the surrounding roads is to take a sledgehammer to crack a nut. If only one side of Pinewood Road (and I suspect all the other roads are affected) were to be kept clear, access would be given I know, because we already have substantial yellow lines round here and large delivery/removal lorries manage perfectly okay.

I would like to endorse everything that A D Worboys of Poles Hill, Chesham, said in his letter of June 24. He is right, if you close the local roads you simply move the problem elsewhere. I would also endorse the comments made by the individuals at the club itself. It will lose fans, which means losing revenue, which will obviously affect the team. We should be proud of what they have achieved and support them.

Local residents and the county council can do this by being sensible and cooperating. I personally let people attending the football park in and over my drive if I don't need to use it myself. As long as I have my own vehicle off site or in the street to cover emergency purposes, I have always let fans park outside. We don't own the spaces outside our homes, but we want to ensure that we have reasonable access to them.

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