

## Football parking goes to extra time

Traffic chiefs on Buckinghamshire County Council have agreed to look again at parking near Wycombe Wanderers football ground in Adams Park, High Wycombe.

As a result of opposition to previous proposals for parking restrictions highways staff have modulated their plans and the new plans now go out to public consultation.

Engineer Colin Dight told members of the county traffic and road safety panel he had received 231 letters objecting to previous proposals and 12 supporting them.

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A number of alternative schemes had been suggested, including park-and-ride, residents' parking schemes and stewards provided by the club to organise parking.

The proposed restrictions near Adams Park include:

- introduce match-day waiting restrictions in two stretches of Lane End Road, either side of the junction with Roundwood Road;
- the whole of Hylton Road;
- and on both sides of Toweridge Road;

As well as advertise double yellow line proposals for Pinewood Road at its junction with Hylton Road;

- the short private stretch in Hillbottom Road;
- Progress Road, down the north side and on both sides at the junction with Hillbottom Road and Lane End Road;
- north side of Toweridge Lane, and eventually revoke match-day restrictions;
- also at the south side of Toweridge Lane at the junction with Pinewood Road;
- junction of Chapel Lane and Toweridge Lane;
- junction of Booker Hill and New Road;
- west side of Warwick Ave and a short way up both sides of Calisbrooke Avenue.

Members agreed to hold a site meeting at the end of an evening match in September.

## Changes afoot in youth team set-up

THERE was confusion this week over whether Jim Melvin remains as Wycombe Wanderers' youth team manager.

The Scottish coach was not included in the team's official photocall at Adams Park on Wednesday after appearing in previous line-ups.

Former Arsenal player and Tottenham Hotspur youth coach Steve Walford was a new face, as was triallist Nicky Smith, together with last season's squad, and Wycombe manager Martin O'Neill, first team coach Paul Franklin and physiotherapist Dave Jones.



Jim Melvin

Chairman Ivor Beeks would say only that a statement is set to be made regarding the post of youth development officer which would be a new position.

A SOURCE at the Sands Residents Association (SRA) said he was "alarmed" at some of the double yellow line proposals for Sands that came out of Aylesbury last week.

He said there was "no evidence that people take notice of the lines" and still prefers the park and ride option to solve the parking problem that engulfs Sands during Wycombe Wanderers matches.

He added that the SRA would like to meet Bucks County Council members when they visit Sands in September.

A spokesman for the County Council said the double yellow line proposals were in the first phase of the consultation process.

The SRA is not happy either, meanwhile, with the matchday restrictions, which the county will in time for next season introduce in parts of Lane End Road, along Hylton Road and in Toweridge Lane.

## RUMOUR OF THE WEEK – about Wycombe Wanderers

THERE have been some classics this summer.

Interest in any goings-ons, imaginary or otherwise, have kept tongues wagging to a huge, and no-doubt, irritating degree for Wycombe manager Martin O'Neill.

He emphatically scotched the Jason Cousins set to go to West Ham tale, and now Chelsea free-transfer Tony Cascarino has done likewise – in regard to a 'move' to Wycombe – by clinching a deal with French club Marseille.

This week an anonymous caller was certain that bearded USA World Cup star Alexi Lalas was about to have talks with O'Neill via an agent. But according to yesterday's national newspaper reports the defender has been firmly targeted by Premiership club Coventry City. The Wycombe boss unavailable for comment this week.



■ **Striker** Keith Scott's return to Blues from Swindon is unlikely because he would be too expensive. Full story: Page 31

## Wycombe give fans a friendly bonus

TICKET prices have been reduced at Adams Park for the pre-season friendlies against Leicester City and Chelsea.

Admission is £5 for the terraces (£3 concessions) and £6 in the stands. Family stand seats are adults £6 and juniors £3. Stand season ticket holders must claim their Leicester game seats by 5pm next Friday. The deadline for Chelsea is 5pm on August 9.

■ Wycombe's league games at Huddersfield (August 20) and Birmingham (August 30) will be all-ticket.

Allocations will be by postal ballot for season ticket holders (all categories) only. Seats at Huddersfield's new Kirklees Stadium are £10 (£5 concessions). The closing date is noon on August 12. Vouchers, cheques and an sae must be included and the application marked Huddersfield Match. The same procedure will be applied to the Birmingham match at St Andrews which is being redeveloped. Seats are £9 (no concessions). The closing date for applications, marked Birmingham, is noon on August 22.