

Wanderers gear up plans for a grandstand future

WYCOMBE Wanderers' plans for a new all-seater stand are about to go a stage further.

A planning application for the £1.8 million project, which will transform the Davenport Vernon/Vauxhall terrace, is due to be submitted to Wycombe District Council within the next five weeks. The club are presently looking at ways of funding it.

It is hoped most of the cost will be paid for by the Football Trust, with the club footing the rest of the bill from their own funds with support from local industry. Letters have already been sent out to major sponsors, asking if they want to back executive boxes.

Wycombe would be required, under rulings in the Taylor Report, issued following the Hillsborough disaster, to have an entirely all-seater stadium within three

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years, if they are promoted to Division One.

But chairman Ivor Beeks underlined that it is imperative for the club to set plans for redevelopment in motion now, even if they are not promoted this season. "Even if we weren't to go up this year, we still need to begin improvements. This is just one stand. We would have three sides of the ground to deal with."

The capacity of the ground, presently standing at 9,649, could be increased by up to 2,000, with a 5,000 two-tier stand in place of the Woodland Terrace, sponsored by Davenport Vernon, which presently holds 3,285 standing fans.

The club will be holding a special launch to unveil the plans.
