

Grass is greener for Blues

WYCOMBE Wanderers will be playing on a brand new pitch next season.

The grass has been skimmed off the old playing surface at Adams Park and the whole surface has now been re-seeded.

The old roots remain but new grass seed has been mixed in with it as Wanderers bid to maintain their reputation for having one of the best playing

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surfaces in the League.

Wanderers Press Officer Alan Hutchinson said: "The work needed doing. The pitch was starting to look like someone who was losing his hair. It was a bit bare in the goal areas and on the sides but it should be as good as new again next season."

WORRIED residents have hit out after Wycombe Wanderers were given the go-ahead to extend the size of their Adams Park away end.

The Sands Residents' Association said traffic congestion and illegal parking around the ground will get worse after Wycombe district councillors backed the application - subject to legal agreements.

But the club argues the move will improve safety at the ground by segregating fans and that the ground's capacity will not rise above its present 10,000 limit.

Terry Eglinton, of the association, said away supporters' cars would 'fill the roads' and prevent emergency vehicles getting to residents' homes.

He said: "Although they are

not increasing the capacity they are improving facilities to attract more away supporters.

"Heaven help us if 10,000 people turn up. You would not be able to get an ambulance to my cul-de-sac on match days."

The Adams Park away end will be extended to 2,026 seats subject to guarantees that the capacity won't rise above its present 10,000 limit.

The football club has given an undertaking to encourage more fans to arrive by public transport or by foot.

John Goldsworthy, associate director of the club, said the proposal did not necessarily mean there would be an increase in visiting supporters as it would depend on the size of the club Wanderers were playing.