

Blues ban on training HQ

LAWRIE Sanchez has banned his team from moving into the club's new training ground after claiming the pitches aren't fit to train on.

The Wanderers boss took one look at his £275,000 dream headquarters at Booker before pulling his stars out after seeing the state of the pitches.

The club has employed contractors to relay the pitches, but Sanchez said: "They're not fit to train on. We're back to square one."

"I wouldn't expect us to be in there until next season. It's a

Boss says ground's not fit to play on

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mess," he added.

Wanderers had planned to make their debut at their new training ground next Monday but have now had to make emergency alternative arrangements.

They will now face a 40-mile round trip to RAF Halton in North Bucks to train every day instead, after previous landlords Molins needed their pitches at

Monks Risborough back.

Sanchez said: "It's a logistical nightmare. We're very grateful to RAF Halton but it's not really where we want to be and then there is the security implication as well."

The cock-up will also hit second division Wycombe in the pocket. They will have to pay the military rent for the Wendover-based facility.

It is not known whether Wanderers will be able to claim that

back from the contractors.

Having his own training ground has been one of Sanchez's dreams ever since he took the helm at Adams Park.

He has consistently battled to have his "outside office" even though it has used up a substantial amount of cash that he might otherwise have been allocated to use on players.

Wanderers bought the former Instron pitches, where they used to train as tenants, for £275,000

and have spent around a further £50,000 ploughing up the ground and re-seeding it in preparation for what should have been next week's opening.

But the pitches aren't flat and Wycombe weren't prepared to risk injury to any of their stars.

Director Graham Peart said: "You want your training pitch to be almost as good as your pitch at home. The last thing you want is players getting silly injuries turning their ankles in training."

The cash to buy the training ground came from last season's FA Cup run