

Blues' new Wasps plan

WYCOMBE Wanderers were yesterday expected to submit a formal planning application to Wycombe District Council in their bid to groundshare with rugby union side Wasps next season.

And if the application is passed at the council's May 29 meeting, Wasps will be at Adams Park in time for next season.

The Blues decided to submit a formal planning application after the council ruled last month that playing rugby at the stadium is not a lawful use of the ground under its planning guidelines.

The groundshare is crucial to Wanderers and their budget plans for next season.

They have already gambled £500,000 on a new hard-wearing Desso pitch and undersoil heating which is being laid during the close season but would recoup double their outlay if Wasps arrive.

The council's decision and the outcome of the ITV Digital talks next week, could also be crucial to out-of-contract stars Jason Cousins and Andy Baird.

Their futures look set to be decided after a club budget meeting between manager Lawrie Sanchez and the board next week.