

Stadium's overflow car park given boost

PLANS to lay hard standing on an overflow car park at Causeway Stadium, formerly known as Adams Park, have been given the green light.

Councillors at Wycombe District Council's development control committee voted unanimously for the application at the meeting on Wednesday.

The club has already been given temporary permission to use the land at Hillbottom Road, but the committee said it was concerned chippings could ruin the grass underneath and asked for measures to prevent it.

Members also asked if green chippings could be used instead of grey, but officers said it could be too expensive for the club.

Cllr Malcolm Blanksby (Ind,

Marlow Bottom) said: "The greatest problem is for the residents in adjacent streets and also with the invasion of the AONB."

Fears were also raised about the chippings containing tar and contaminating the soil.

Sands Residents Association said it did not object to the hard surfacing but wanted to ensure it would not have a long term damaging effect..

Conservation group High Wycombe Society said as the field was on the edge of green belt and AONB, it should be the maximum area allowed to be treated in this way.

The car park holds up to 600 vehicles on match days but there were major parking problems in the surrounding roads.