

Stadium survey results: We're playing extra time

WORK is still continuing on compiling feedback from the *Bucks Free Press* stadium survey – after 1,800 people filled out our questionnaire on the issue.

The paper has pledged to try to fully validate all of the responses to the eight questions before publicising the results.

But this has meant hours of painstaking work for administration staff specifically recruited to compile a comprehensive database since the survey closed two weeks ago.

Personal data supplied by individuals will not be published, but it will be passed to a professional back-check company who will aim to contact all respondents.

As soon as this exercise is completed, the results will be sent to High Wycombe-based analysis company Maven Research which will scrutinise the findings and compile a report.

Editor Steve Cohen said: "I have had several calls from people wanting to know when the results will be published, and I am sorry it is such a long process.

"However, one of the reasons we carried out the study in the first place was because there were complaints from campaigners that Wycombe District Council's consultation was not fully validated.

"Therefore, there's little point in us pressing ahead without having back-checked

everything thoroughly first.

"We are aware people are anxious to know the results,



THOROUGH: Editor Steve Cohen says accuracy is vital

and would ask that they bear with us so we can complete this process step by step in the most thorough way possible."

In a letter this week, Gary Nuttall, Chairman of GASP (Groups Against Stadium Proposals), complained the council's process had been flawed because the validation of the data was not robust enough and he noted that many members of the the public had concerns.

But Wycombe District Council leader Lesley Clarke said yesterday she was adamant that officers had handled the validation correctly.

She said: "I believe that they have have handled it correctly and it's been looked at properly."