

Aim

The aim of my coursework is to assess the arising problems caused by the location of the Wycombe Wanderers Football ground in Adams Park.

Hypothesis

Since I live right close to the ground, I have first hand experience of what it is like on a match day. My prediction is fairly straightforward, the neighbourhood and the surrounding businesses will be affected intensively on a match day. Visual pollution, the cars and people going past to and fro the ground will affect the neighbourhood and the surrounding businesses. People will throw away their rubbish which will affect the environment i.e. animals, insects will suffocate in plastic bags, already caused by the industrial estate, and match days are a distraction for the local neighbouring businesses as the workers and co-workers alike will possibly want to see the match's so the businesses will be close during the match day, and money will be made by other means. The environment will also be affected as well as asthma sufferers alike by the fumes given off in immense quantities on match day by on going vehicles. The noise pollution disturbs the local residents in the neighbourhood. There could be damage done to surrounding buildings made by hooligans. The rubbish would also harm the environment. There will also be parking problems, fans parking on your drive or possibly in front of your drive and block your path also possibly some might start a dispute over parking spaces.

Introduction

High Wycombe is a town in a county called Buckinghamshire, which is just 32 miles west of London. High Wycombe is famous for its chair industry, which remain in Wycombe during the Victorian Era and lasted for 200 hundred years. Wycombe has a population of 90,000 residents. It has its own theatre called The Swan Theatre. It also has its own Sport Centre, its own Cinema called The UCI 6. There is a large recreational ground with its own tennis courts and open air swimming pool, this is called the Rye Park. It also has the longest ski slope in the whole of UK. Wycombe has its very own two shopping centre called 'The Chilterns' and 'The Octagon '. It also has its own unique university, which was built for over sea students. There is a Chair Museum, Law Courts and a Library. The West Wycombe Caves and The Golden Ball Temple are just a number of attractions. Transport wise there is a train station, direct link to the M40 motorway via junction 4 at Handy Cross and an airfield called the Booker Airfield.

Wycombe Wanderers Football Club was founded in 1884 by a group of young furniture trade workers. They attained a senior status ten years later and moved to Loakes Park in 1895. But the ground, which had been home for 95 years, moved to Adams Park. The old ground had a famous 11 foot slope.

The old ground was originally located at Loaks Park just above Wycombe General Hospital, but they moved to Adams Park in the sands industrial estate because of the poor quality of customers they received and were losing out on money because of the location was too close too the hospital which already had

traffic problems at the time, so on match days the traffic was intolerable and to find a parking space was bad enough and the litter problem would get worse on match days. The players would often find it difficult to get to the ground because of the traffic problem.

My coursework focuses on the problems arising due to the location of the football ground. The question is asking whether the location of the football ground have an affect on the local residents and businesses. My aim is to prove it with evidence. The area I will be studying is the Sands area, this is because I live there and also because it the nearest area to the ground. In the sands area there is a large community of people living there primarily because it is a quiet and safe area. I will be conducting a survey and a traffic count on a match day. I will also ask the local businesses and some residents nearer to the ground a questionnaire.

Just before you enter the Adams Park ground you go through an industrial estate on Hillbottom Road there are many factories on this road.