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Major Development on Green Belt Site at Booker **Wycombe Council to use council tax to support Wasps/Wanderers New Stadium**

Wycombe District Council, in closed cabinet meetings have made the following decisions:-

- To take the lead and bring forward a site for a new 20,000 capacity stadium
- The Wycombe Air Park site is being considered the most suitable
- A budget of £250,000 to be available to finance the initial stage to pursue a Major Development in the Green Belt
- The Council to enter into an agreement with London Wasps and other involved parties

The Bucks Free Press has highlighted much of residents' fears in an article on 29th Jan 2010 after the news broke on 27th Jan 2010.

- *Council bosses may then “invest” millions of pounds in the New Stadium*
- *WDC has agreed in principle to meet a considerable portion of the cost to replace Adams Park stadium*
- *A local Conservative councillor has asked “Why should WDC be subsidising a private enterprise?”*
- *BFP understands that the council see this as a similar opportunity to the Eden project*
- *BFP understands that the council would be a major investor and others are being sought*
- *A Ryemead councillor said “I feel that money could be better spent on more pressing issues such as the community centres or Holywell Mead Pool”. The council closed the pool last year to save £66,000 pa.*

If development of a new stadium on the Green Belt Air Park site is to go ahead many residents fear that it will lead to another village on our doorstep.

When the council say they are seeking other parties to invest in the site, presenting it as “another Eden” what are we to expect?

To make the project viable rumour has it that the fixed wing airstrip would have to be removed, giving way to more helicopters, hotel, ice rink, industry and housing,

The infrastructure involved presumes major road widening, possibly slip road access to the M40 (which will mean through traffic for Booker) and obviously development to Lane End.

What are the council planners going to do at Booker?

- *Do we need an Action Group?*
- *Do you support the Council Proposal?*
- *It's your society; we need your views!*
- *All your comment will be appreciated.*

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