



Plymouth's Dawson teams up with Yeovil

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Yeovil Town have revealed plans to build a new stand on the north side of Huish Park – with the help of Plymouth-based retail entrepreneur Chris Dawson.

The Glovers will gain a 3,500-capacity stand in place of their away fans' terrace, if the proposed development sees the light of day, but they will lose two training pitches which adjoin Huish Park.

The Glovers are working in partnership with Dawson, the boss of CDS International, which operates The Range, a nation-wide chain of home, garden and leisure stores.

John Fry, the npower League One football club's chairman, said: "Yeovil Town is an important economic driver in the South West region, and is embarking on this project to ensure that it has the resources and supporters' facilities on site to continue to compete in the Football League.

"By developing the area around Huish Park, we have the opportunity to bring in much-needed investment to the club and the area."

Dawson has claimed that the plans to create a retail park on the site, which are subject to planning approval by South Somerset District Council, will create employment opportunities.

He said: "We are proposing retail units on the land to the north of Huish Park, which, if the planning application is successful, will deliver more than 300 new jobs for the town as well as some established retail brands. I must, however, stress that any development plans for the site are in the very early stages."

Dawson held talks – which came to nothing – with Plymouth Argyle and with Plymouth City Council late last year about proposed retail development on Council land adjacent to Home Park, the Pilgrims' stadium.

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