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Bangor City's Farrar Road stadium is one of the most atmospheric in Wales and, situated just off the main high street and adjacent to the railway station, is an increasingly rare example of a city centre ground.

Sadly, its days are numbered as Bangor propose to relocate to a new 3,000 seated stadium at the Nantporth site, Holyhead Road. Gwynedd Council will soon be hearing a planning application for this proposal.

Farrar Road, City's home since 1920, has terracing on three sides and a main stand, built in two sections, backing on to the high street. The approaches to the ground are down narrow alleys and the site is hemmed in by Victorian housing and a church.

The playing area looks in excellent condition though the pitch has a pronounced slope widthways towards the main stand and also down to the corner that houses the club shop and tea bar.

A television gantry dominates the open terracing opposite the main stand and the open end behind the goal to the left of the main stand features a spectacular mural of the Bangor City club badge painted into the boundary wall. The other end is covered and well positioned for the well-stocked tea bar.

On a dry and fairly mild evening Bangor defeated Connah's Quay Nomads 2-0 before a crowd of 439, sealing their win with two goals in the space of three minutes in the first half.

Admission was £6 for adults and this included entry to the main stand and a 32-page programme sold for £1.

To those travellers who haven't yet visited Farrar Road the message is thus: Catch it while you can. Highly recommended.