

Request

Can you please advise whether there are any proposals for a railway, tramway, light railway or monorail within the Local Authority's boundary?

Response

The only previously proposed railway, tramway, light railway or monorail in the borough was the part of HS2 within the borough, from south of Lowton to join the West Coast Mainline west of Abram, but it has been withdrawn by Government pending an assessment of the alternatives. The extent of the route does remain safeguarded however, at least until that assessment has been concluded.

There are initial proposals for conversion of the Atherton rail line to tram-train operation in the longer term, as shown in map 3 of:

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