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6. Major Schemes

Major schemes are classified as those costing over £5 million. Given current Government funding levels, it is probable that only a very limited number of Major schemes will be funded during LTP3.

The three main schemes currently being developed are as follows:

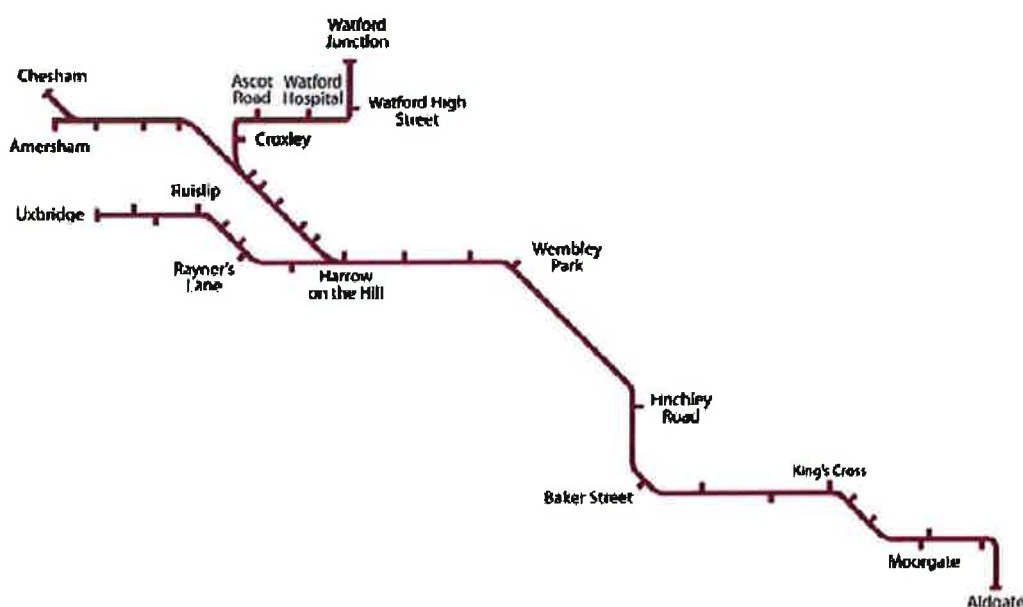
6.1 Croxley Rail Link

The Croxley Rail Link is the proposed extension of the London Underground Metropolitan line from Croxley, to Watford Junction via Watford High Street. The proposals include the construction of a 400 m viaduct to connect the existing Metropolitan line to the currently disused Croxley Green Branch Line, with the provision of two new stations. Ascot Road station will serve the local community and provide a valuable new transport link for businesses in the area. A second station will be sited to serve the existing Watford Hospital, the football ground and the planned Health Campus. The existing Watford Metropolitan line station will be closed.

The overall aim of the project is to improve east-west links in Watford, thereby supporting economic development and helping to reduce the strain on Watford's busy road network. It also provides better links with north-west and central London.

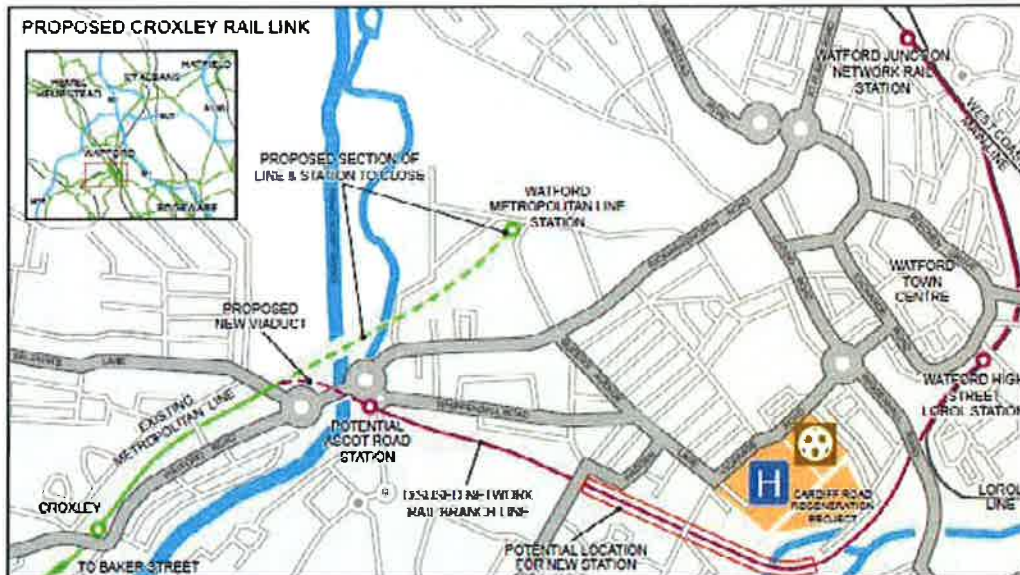
The County Council is starting the preparation work on the designs with a view to progressing down the appropriate planning permission channel, known as a Transport and Works Act Order, to gain the necessary powers to construct the scheme.

Figure 2 Proposed Metropolitan Line Route Map



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Figure 3 - Croxley Rail Link – General Scheme Outline



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The Croxley Rail Link scheme was included in both the previous LTPs and remains an existing priority, having been developed over a number of years. The scheme is outlined in the Watford Borough Council's District Plan, and was recently identified in the London Mayor's Transport Strategy as an important improvement to the London Underground network.

6.2 Watford Junction Interchange

The County Council, Watford Borough Council and a number of landowners have been developing a plan for the comprehensive regeneration of the wider Watford Junction area, to include the delivery of the interchange scheme. The interchange scheme itself will provide a new, high quality, passenger interchange at Watford Junction rail station, including additional car parking on the eastern side of the station accessed via a new link road connecting Colonial Way with St Albans Road.

By providing more direct access from the primary route network the scheme will alleviate existing traffic congestion in the immediate vicinity of Watford Junction and within the wider area, thereby benefiting bus operations at the station as well as on the approaches to it.

The comprehensive regeneration emerged as a result of the initial development proposals which require the construction of a link road between Colonial Way and St Albans Road. In discussion with the landowners, a revised route has now been put forward which allows for the delivery of the link road and the comprehensive redevelopment of the wider site.