

**GREATER MANCHESTER INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AUTHORITY****REPORT FOR RESOLUTION / INFORMATION**

**COMMITTEE:** Emergency  
**DATE:** 21<sup>st</sup> May 2010  
**SUBJECT:** Forthcoming Changes to the Bus Network  
**REPORT OF:** Interim Bus and Rail Director GMPTE

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1) To inform Members of the changes that have taken place to the bus network since the last Bus Network and GMPTE Services Committee meeting;
- 2) To report on the consequential action taken, or proposed, by GMPTE.
- 3) To seek comments from Members on the proposed actions.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Members are invited to consider the report and to: -

- 1) Note and comment as appropriate on the proposed changes to existing general subsidised services set out in Annex A.

**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Previous reports to the Authority, the Transport Network Committee and the Bus Network and GMPTE Services Committee.

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## **1. Background**

- 1.1 On 1 March 2002, the Policy Committee requested the Transport Network Committee to review closely all changes to the subsidised network and ensure that the cost of subsidised general services was retained within budgetary constraints..
- 1.2 This report informs Members of the latest advice from operators about their intention to register and / or deregister services; recommends whether or not specified services should be supported; and provides details of changes to the subsidised network.

## **2. Changes to Commercial Services**

There are no proposed changes to commercial services.

## **3. Changes to General Subsidised Services**

Annex A to this report details proposed changes to general subsidised services and requests members to comment on and approve the specific recommendations.

## **4. Financial Implications**

The financial implications of the proposed changes to general subsidised services will be discussed in Part B of this meeting.

**Michael Renshaw**  
**Interim Service Delivery Director**

## ANNEX A: SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE SUBSIDISED NETWORK

Dist	Service Number, route and operator	Comments and recommendations
TD (MR)	<b>20</b> Altrincham – Timperley Grange <i>Arriva</i>	<p>In order to meet long standing requests from communities for a daytime link to Wythenshawe Hospital, it is proposed to revise this half-hourly daytime service to operate to the areas of Timperley Village currently served by Timperley Village bus (service 25) and extend via Broomwood Estate to Wythenshawe Hospital.</p> <p>Service 20 would, however, continue to operate hourly between Altrincham and Timperley Grange only, on evenings and Sundays.</p> <p><b>Members are requested to approve the recommendation to extend the above service, at no additional cost, to Wythenshawe Hospital on Monday to Saturday daytimes with effect from 4 September 2010.</b></p>
TD	<b>21</b> Altrincham – Warburton Green <i>Manchester Community Transport</i>	<p>With effect from 27 June 2010, this service will also operate on Sundays between Altrincham and Warburton Green, replacing part of the current 286.</p> <p>With effect from 4 September 2010, this hourly Monday to Saturday daytime service is proposed for revision to serve Timperley Village, replacing part of the revised and extended Timperley Village Bus (service 25) via Green Lane and Thorley Lane. This revision will, however, omit Grove Lane where surveys have shown that no passengers are using the service 25; Green Lane, now omitted from service 20, which will instead be served by revised service 21; Thorley Lane and High Elm Road, neither of which have bus stops on them.</p> <p><b>Members are requested to approve the recommendations to :-</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1) introduce a Sunday service from 27 June 2010 between Altrincham and Warburton Green; and</b></li> <li><b>2) extend service 21 with effect from 4 September 2010 at no additional cost to serve Timperley Village.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Financial implications are shown in Part B.</b></p>

TD

(MR) 25 The Timperley Village Bus  
*Manchester Community Transport*

This service has been well received by residents in the Timperley Village area, and the opportunity to link the area to Wythenshawe Hospital will occur when the service contract is due for renewal in early September.

By joining this service with service 20, it will be possible to retain the current useful links in Timperley, and provide the long-requested link to Wythenshawe Hospital.

Green Lane will be omitted from this route, but served by revised service 21 (above)

**Members are requested to approve the recommendation to re-number the above service as revised service 20 and extend it to and from Wythenshawe Hospital on Monday to Saturday daytimes with effect from 4 September 2010. Financial implications are shown in Part B.**

TD

37A Altrincham – Dunham Town -  
Lymm – Warrington

38 Altrincham – Little Bollington -  
Lymm – Warrington

*Warrington Borough Transport*

These two services which operate two-hourly on Sundays are subsidised jointly by Warrington Unitary Council and GMPT. Warrington announced at the end of April 2010 that they were withdrawing all subsidy for Sunday services with effect from 27 June 2010. GMPT proposes operating an hourly Sunday daytime service 38 between Altrincham and Dunham Woodhouses, with the evening service provided on a demand-responsive basis.

**Members are requested to approve the provision of an hourly Sunday daytime service and an evening DRT service with effect from 27 June 2010. The cost of these proposals are being finalised and will be reported at the meeting in Part B.**

<p>TE</p> <p>41</p> <p>Dukinfield – Ashton –under-Lyne</p> <p>337</p> <p>Ashton-under-Lyne – Crowhill Circular</p> <p><i>Stotts (Monday to Friday)</i></p> <p><i>First Manchester (Saturday)</i></p>	<p>In order to improve punctuality on these two Monday to Saturday, daytime, half-hourly services, officers propose that they are amalgamated into one service, with effect from 1 June 2010 (41) which will allow the service to operate more reliably. No links or sections of route will be lost, but new cross-Ashton journeys will be possible.</p>
<p><b>Members are asked to approve the officer's recommendation to join the above two services.</b></p> <p><b>Financial implications are shown in Part B.</b></p>	
<p>BY</p> <p>RE</p> <p>56</p> <p>Rochdale – Shaw – Oldham – Middleton –North Manchester General Hospital</p> <p>58</p> <p>Rochdale – Shaw – Oldham – Middleton – Heywood - Bury</p> <p><i>First Manchester</i></p>	<p>Members will recall that following the 12 March 2010 Bus Network Committee meeting, the costs for continuing the provision of the Orbital extensions to service 56 between Middleton and North Manchester General Hospital (subsidised) and service 58 Middleton and Bury (commercial) had not been agreed. Members were minded to agree the renewal of the contract for service 58, subject to officers negotiating further with the operator on the cost of this service. Officers were asked to report back the results of these negotiations which have only just been completed.</p> <p>Following the completion of negotiations with the operator it was agreed that the contract could be extended on a reduced hourly Monday to Friday provision, (i.e. the extensions will not operate on Saturdays) with later start and earlier finish times. Contract payments will be adjusted based on quarterly surveys being carried out on the numbers of passengers travelling through Middleton Bus Station within agreed upper and lower limits.</p>
<p><b>Members are requested to approve the recommendation to continue to support services 56 and 58 on the above basis from 24 May 2010 for a period of up to one year. A further update on progress will be provided to the Bus Network Committee in September.</b></p> <p><b>Financial implications are shown in Part B.</b></p>	

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Service 95 operates every hour daily daytime and evenings.

Whitefield – Prestwich – Agecroft –  
Salford Shopping City  
*JP Travel (daily evening)*  
*Bluebird Bus & Coach (sunday)*

The Monday to Saturday evening journeys carry an average of 2.7 passengers per trip, and the Sunday evening journeys carry an average of 1.6 passengers per trip. The average cost per passenger is £6.65 and £10.56 respectively. In view of the low usage officers recommend that the daily evening journeys are withdrawn as follows :

From Pendleton 1955 – 2255 (including 1855 on Sundays)  
From Whitefield 1926 – 2226

The Sunday daytime last two journeys in either direction average 2.25 passengers per trip. The average cost per passenger is £3.18. In view of the low usage officers recommend that the following Sunday daytime journeys are withdrawn :

From Pendleton 1655 & 1755  
From Whitefield 1726 & 1826

These changes will result in the loss of the unique link between Whitefield & Prestwich to Pendleton. Hilton Lane would be left unserved at these times, which is approximately 500 metres from a bus service.

The last journeys on service 95 would then be as follows :

From Pendleton - 1901 Mon to Fri 1850 Sat 1555 Sun  
From Whitefield - 1834 Mon to Fri 1820 Sat 1626 Sun

**Members are requested to approve the recommendation to withdraw the above daily evening and the later Sunday daytime journeys with effect from 25<sup>th</sup> July 2010. These changes are necessary in order to ensure the contract remains cost effective.**

**Financial implications are shown in Part B.**

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**217 / 218 Circulars**

Piccadilly – Clayton – Droydsden –  
Audenshaw – Ashton – Tameside  
General Hospital – Stalybridge –  
Dukinfield - Audenshaw –  
Droylsden – Clayton – Piccadilly  
*Stagecoach Manchester*

Services 217/218 operate hourly daily daytime.

These services are suffering from poor punctuality due to the long route length and roadworks on Ashton New Road. The operator has offered to introduce a 6<sup>th</sup> bus to these services between July and October (adding up to 30 minutes additional running time on the existing 150 minute trip time). The additional cost for the 6<sup>th</sup> bus will be shown in Part B.

At the same time, and following requests from local councillors and residents, the service will return to serve Old Mill Street. The service has been operating along Butler Street during major bridge replacement works. The city centre terminus will move from Piccadilly to Shudehill Interchange.

The current contract for this service is to be re-tendered in October 2010.

**Members are requested to approve the above recommendation for the introduction of a 6<sup>th</sup> bus, with effect from 25th July 2010.**

**Financial implications are shown in Part B.**

TD

**286**

Altrincham – Hale – Warburton  
Green - Halebarns – Altrincham  
*Go Goodwins*

In order to facilitate the provision of an hourly Sunday daytime service 38 between Altrincham and Dunham Woodhouses, in response to the withdrawal of funding for Sunday services by Warrington MBC, hourly service 286 on Sundays will be changed to operate its weekday pattern. This will involve service 286 operating Altrincham – Well Green – Halebarns; with hourly service 21 (which does not currently operate on Sundays) operating Altrincham – Hale – Warburton Green. All current main links and areas are therefore still served at the same frequency.

**Members are requested to approve the recommendation to split service 286 on Sundays with effect from 27 June 2010 and operate as per the daytime pattern in order to facilitate the provision of the hourly service Altrincham – Dunham Woodhouses.**

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**307 / 308 Circulars**

Stockport – Cheadle Heath –  
Cheadle Hulme – Bramhall –  
Dairyground Estate – Bramhall  
Green – Hazel Grove – Stepping  
Hill Hospital – Stockport  
*Stagecoach Manchester*

Circular services 307 and 308 each operate hourly Monday to Saturday daytime.

Officers would recommend Services 307 and 308 be rerouted between Stockport and Cheadle Farmers Arms to operate via Wellington Road, Greek Street, Shaw Heath, Adswold Lane West, Adswold Road, Chelford Grove, Alvanley Crescent, Europa Way, Bird Hall Lane and Edgeley Road instead of Chestergate, Brinksway, Stockport Road, then as the normal route.

The service along Brinksway would reduce from two buses an hour to one bus an hour (provided by Service 312). Services 309 and 310 would continue to provide a 30 minute service on Stockport Road between the Farmers Arms and St Lesmo Road.

Survey data (based on a sample survey of 888 passenger journeys over three days) shows that only 54 passengers (6%) are unique passengers who would be adversely affected by this change. 48 passengers (5%) would have another alternative (either service 309, 310 or 312). The remaining 786 passengers (89%) would be unaffected by the change.

For reasons of safety Stagecoach feel unable to operate into Morrison's store car park and the service will use the stops on Edgeley Road, which are well placed to access the store.

The Service Planning Officer would ensure targeted promotion of the service through leaflet drops in the Bridge Hall Estate area.

**Members are requested to approve the recommendation to reroute this service with effect from 25<sup>th</sup> July 2010.**  
**Financial implications are shown in Part B.**

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343

Oldham – Lees – Mossley –  
Micklehurst – Stalybridge –  
Dukinfield – Hyde

*Speedwellbus*

Speedwellbus operate this service Monday to Friday daytime.

The operator has experienced difficulty in maintaining punctuality, particularly at peak times. The operator approached GMPTE with an option to add a third bus into the operating cycle and use this additional resource to improve links in the Mossley area.

The third bus would enable the reinstatement of the Monday to Friday daytime service 343 on Staley Road (much requested by local residents and councillors) and would operate along the A635 Manchester Road north-east of Mossley, where there are many new homes, providing new hourly links to Stalybridge, Hyde and Oldham.

The route from Stalybridge to Mossley would be as follows: Huddersfield Road to the Royal George, Staley Road, Station Road, Winterford Road, Huddersfield Road, Manchester Road.

This reinstatement option fits in with the aspiration to boost service provision along the A635 north of Mossley.

Huddersfield Road (between Winterford Road and Staley Road) would no longer be served by this service. Services 217 and 218 provide hourly links along this section of route to Stalybridge and Mossley.

Officers have surveyed a sample of 12 daytime journeys along this section of route. In total 5 passengers boarded and 3 alighted. 7 of those passengers were travelling to / from Stalybridge and had the alternative of using services 217/218. The remaining 1 passenger was travelling to Dukinfield.

**Members are requested to approve the recommendation to introduce a third bus to improve punctuality of the service with effect from 25<sup>th</sup> July 2010.  
Financial implications are shown in Part B.**

BN 536

Bolton – Darcy Lever – Somerton Road – Bolton Circular  
*Arriva Liverpool*

Service 536 operates hourly daily daytime and evenings.

The later Sunday evening journeys carry average of 2.8 passengers per trip. The average cost per passenger is £7.31. In view of the low usage officers would recommend the later Sunday evening journeys are withdrawn as follows :

The 1920; 2020; 2120; and 2220 services from Bolton

These changes would result in the following roads being left unserved at these times, with the furthest point to a bus service over 1000 metres : Bromwich Street, Wheatfield Street, Hag End Brow, Radcliffe Road, Long Lane, Garstang Avenue, Bleinheim Road, Somerton Road.

The last Sunday journey would be at 1820 from Bolton, 1844 from Somerton Road.

**Members are requested to approve the recommendation to withdraw the later Sunday evening journeys with effect from 25<sup>th</sup> July 2010. These changes are necessary in order to ensure the contract remains cost effective. Financial implications are shown in Part B.**

BN 538

Bolton – Astley Bridge – Egerton – Dunscair - Bromley Cross – Bolton Circular

539

Bolton – Bromley Cross – Egerton – Eagley Way – Astley Bridge – Bolton Circular  
*Arriva Liverpool*

Circular services 538 (clockwise) and 539 (anticlockwise) operate every hour daily evening.

The later Sunday evening journeys carry an average of 2.3 passengers per trip on service 538 and 2.4 passengers per trip on service 539. The average cost per passenger has risen to £2.13. In view of the low usage officers would recommend that the later Sunday journeys on both services are withdrawn as follows :

Service 538 from Bolton 2050, 2150, 2250

Service 539 from Bolton 1829, 1929,2029,2129, 2229

These changes will result in the following roads being left unserved at these times, with the furthest point to a bus service of 1000 metres : Ashworth Lane, Thornham Drive, Sharples Hall Drive, Eagley Way, Blackburn Road, Darwen Road, Bromley Cross Road, Turton Road.

The last Sunday journeys from Bolton would be Service 538 at 1950 hours and Service 539 at 1729 hours.

**Members are requested to approve the recommendation to withdraw the later Sunday evening journeys with effect from 25<sup>th</sup> July 2010. These changes are necessary in order to ensure the contract remains cost effective.**

**Financial implications are shown in Part B.**

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620

Hindley Green – Platt Bridge -  
Ashton – Haydock – St Helens

Service 620 currently provides an hourly daytime service between Hindley Green and St Helens. Only the section of route between Hindley Green and Ashton is supported financially through the subsidised services budget. Arriva currently provides the link through to St Helens commercially.

The current contract is due to expire in July 2010 and tenders were invited for the Hindley Green to Ashton section of route. Following analysis of the bids officers recommend renewal of the contract for service 620 to operate between Hindley Green and Ashton. The service would no longer provide a direct link through to St Helens for passengers using the service between Hindley Green and Platt Bridge and affected passengers would have to change buses at Ashton Town Centre to travel on service 320 operating five times per hour between Ashton and St Helens.

**Members are requested to approve the recommendation to renew the service between Hindley Green and Ashton.**

**Financial implications are shown in Part B.**



**Existing Services**

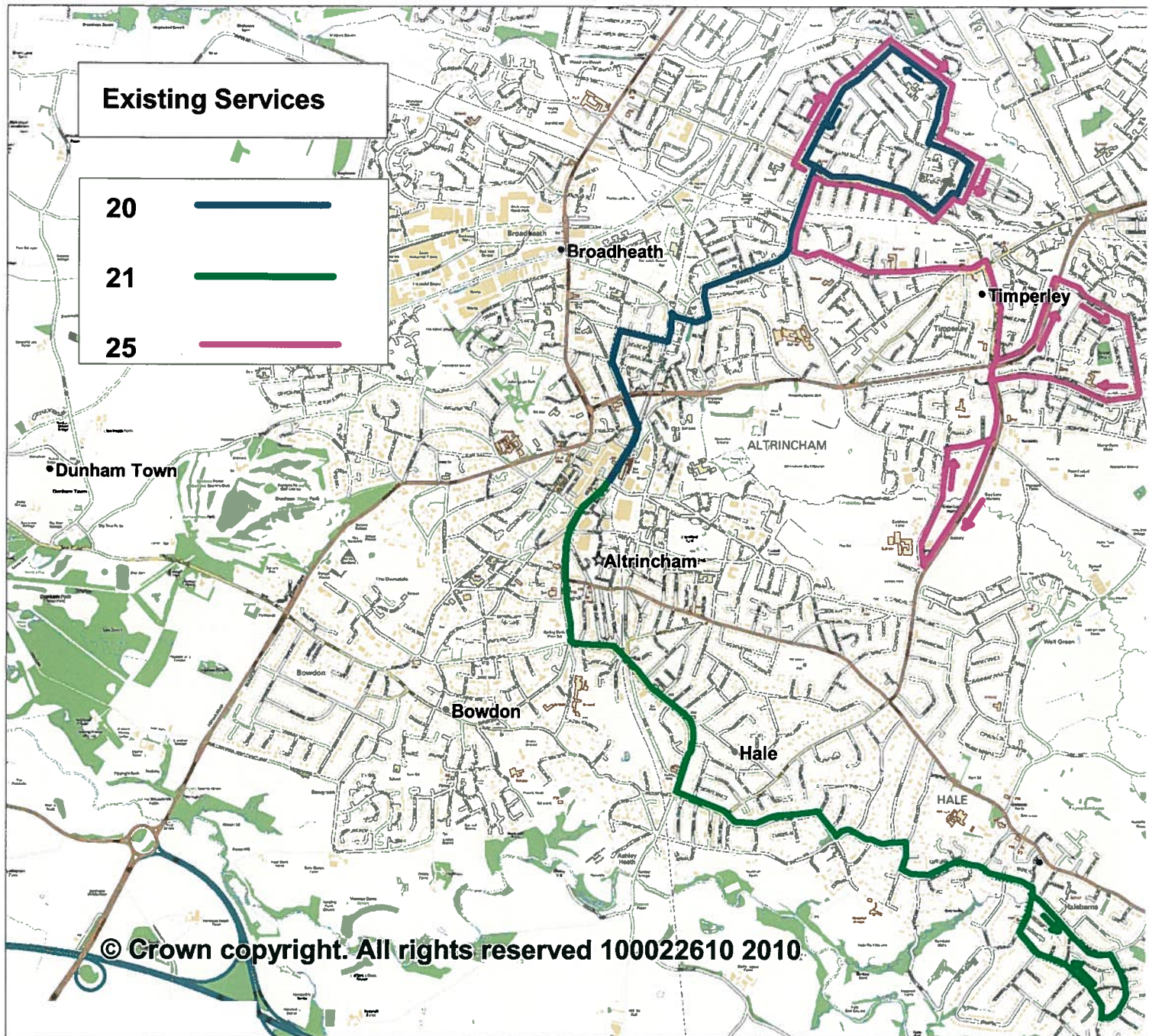
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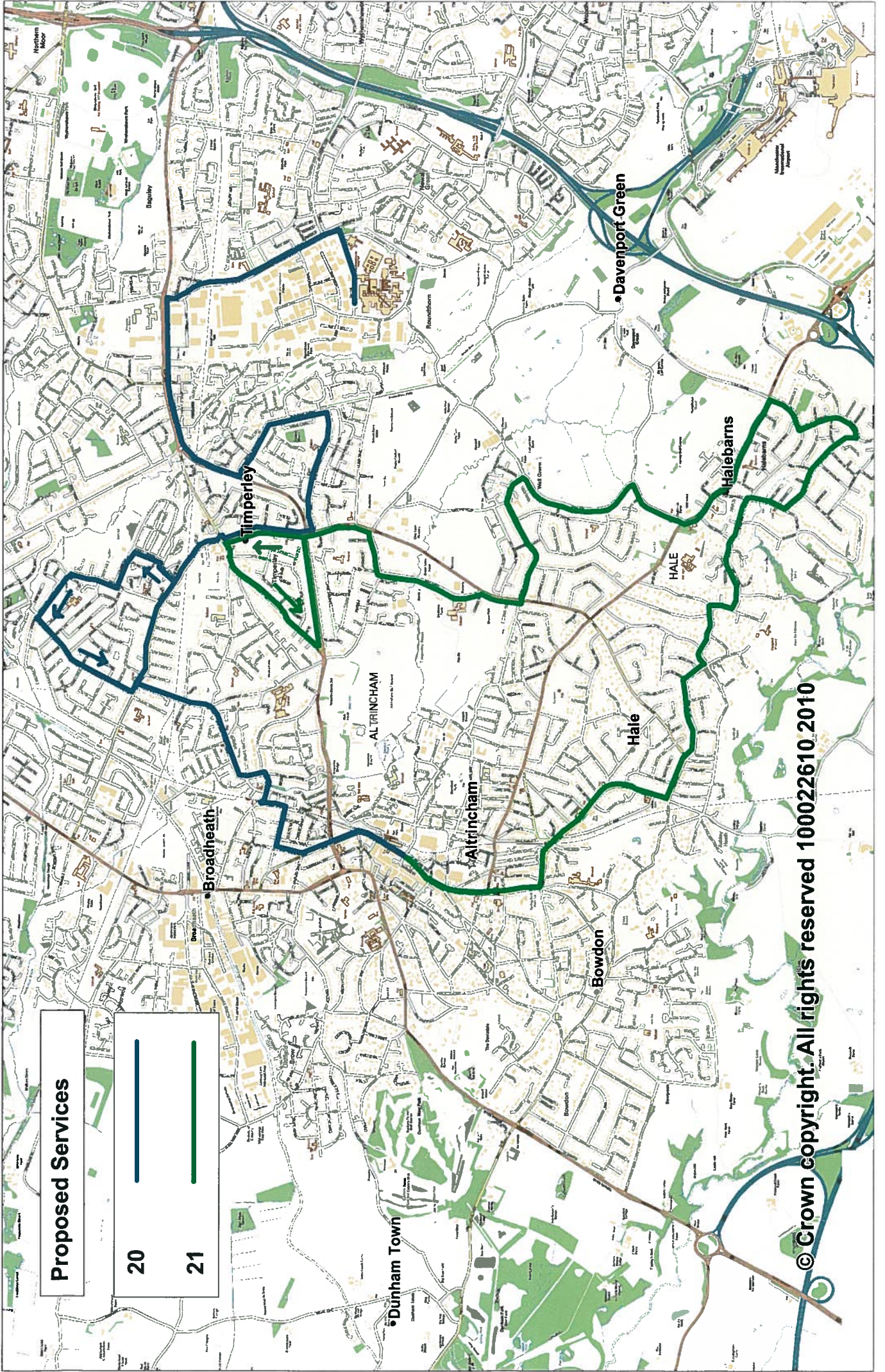


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**Proposed Services**

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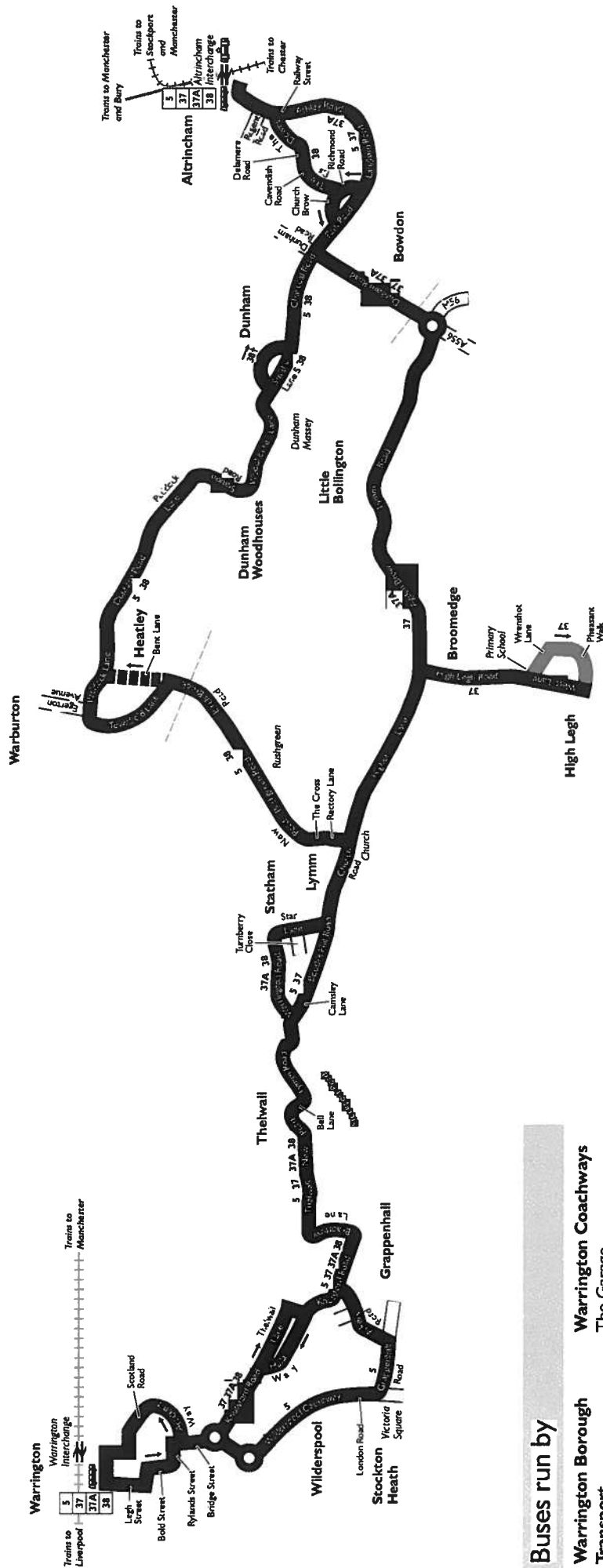
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- Train:** Altrincham Interchange  
Warrington Interchange
- Tram:** Altrincham Interchange

## KEY

- Bus route
- Journeys finishing at Warburton only
- Hall and ride: passengers can get on or off the bus wherever it is safe
- Greater Manchester county boundary
- +++++ Train line
- Tram line
- Direction of travel
- Bus station/main connection point
- Train station
- Tram stop
- + Mondays to Saturdays only
- 37 Terminus

## Route plan for bus numbers

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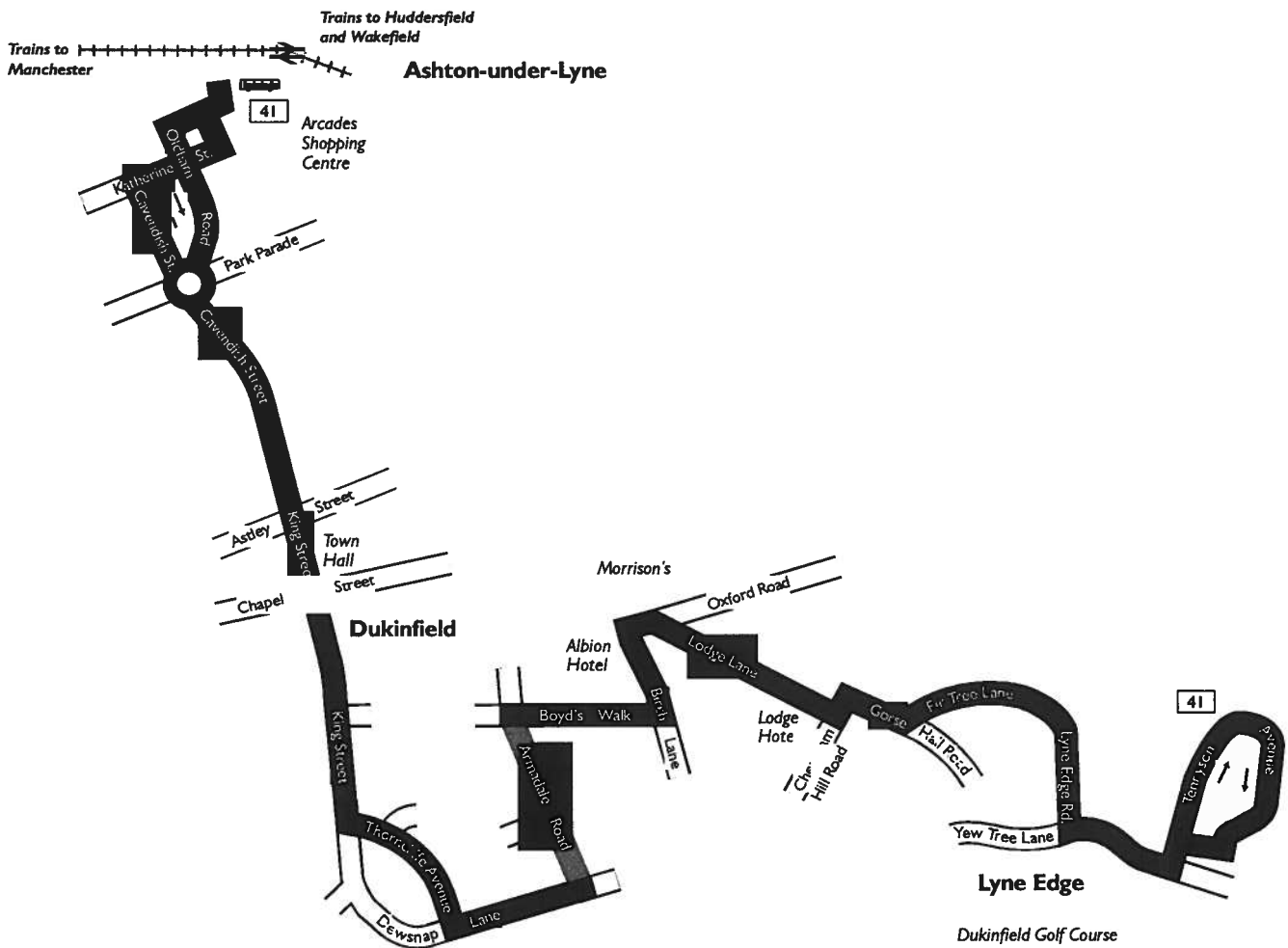
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- Bus route
- Hail and ride: passengers can get on or off the bus wherever it is safe
- Train line
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- Train station
- Terminus

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- Train:** Ashton-under-Lyne train station



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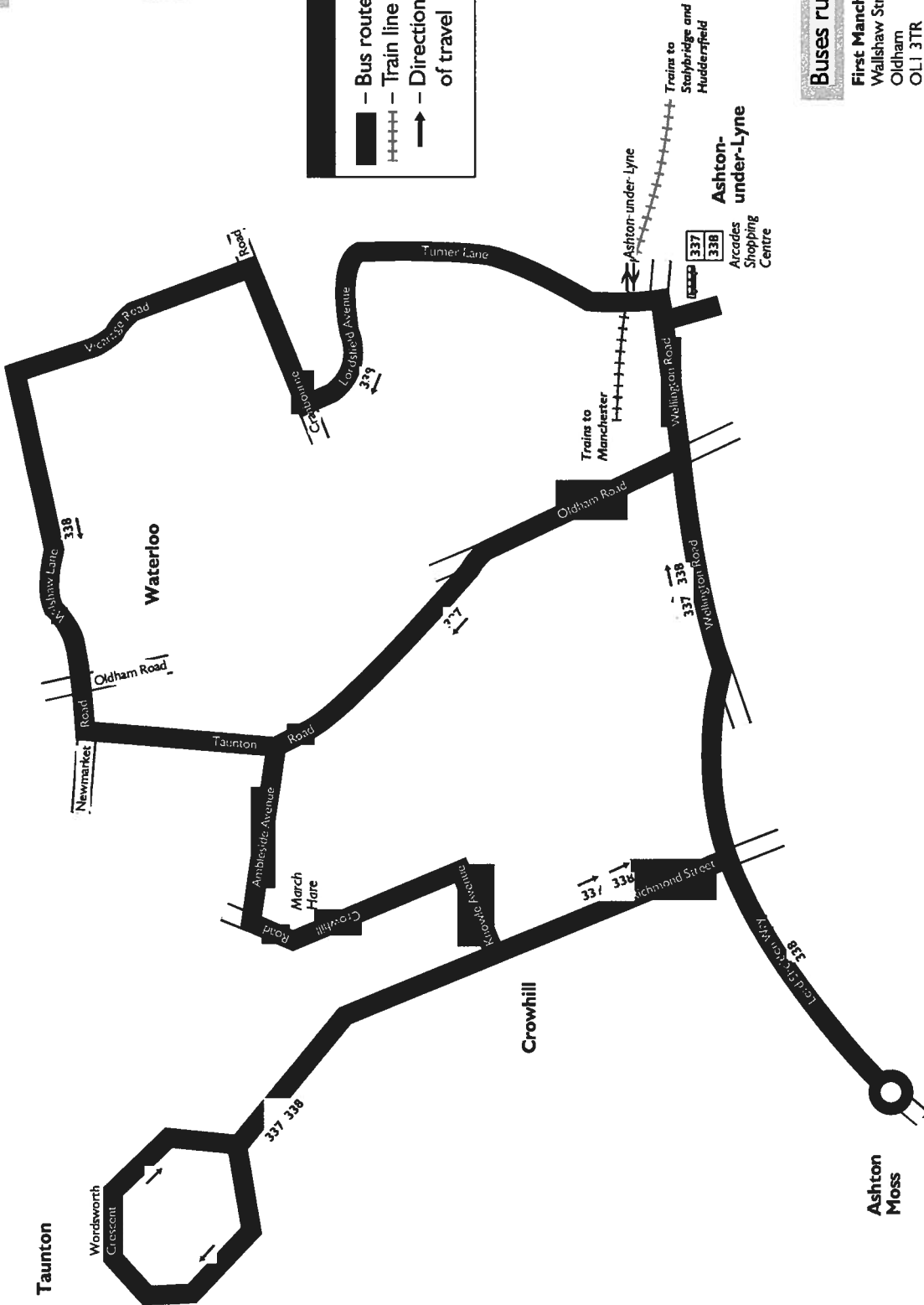
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Connection points

 **Bus:** Ashton bus station  
 **Train:** Ashton Interchange

**KEY**

-  - Bus route
-  - Train line
-  - Direction of travel
-  - Bus station/  
main connection point
-  - Train station
-  - Terminus



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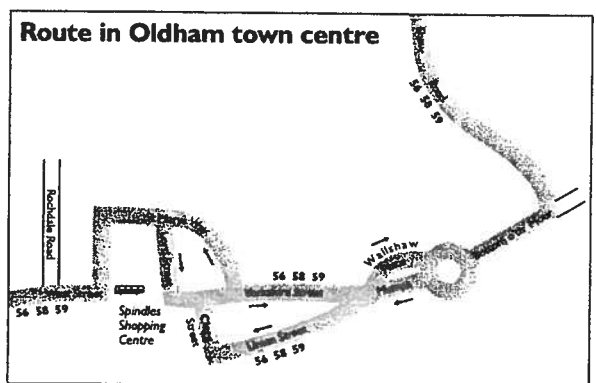
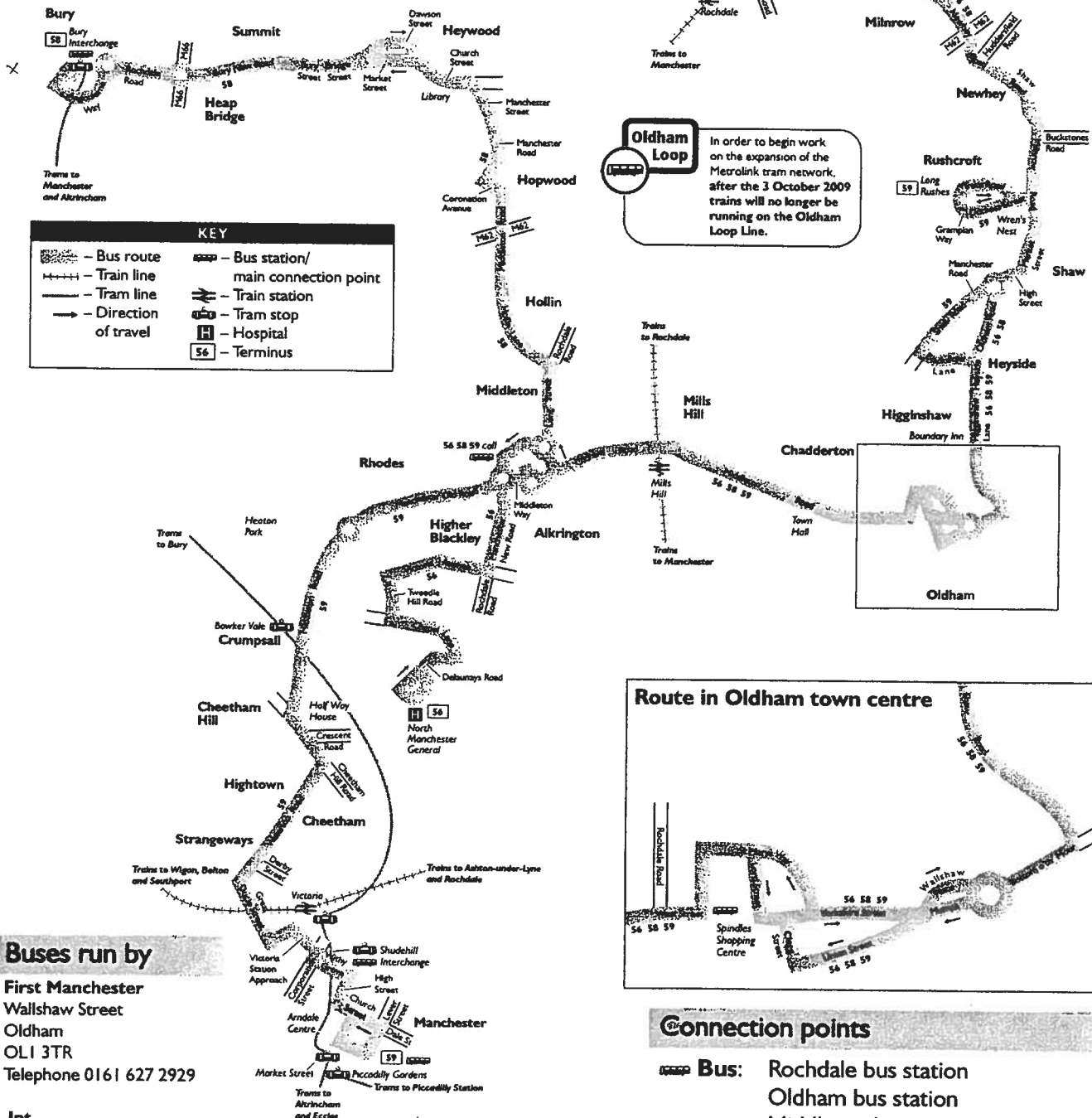
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### Connection points








- Bus:** Rochdale bus station, Oldham bus station, Middleton bus station, Manchester Piccadilly Gardens, Manchester Shudehill Interchange, Bury Interchange
- Train:** Mills Hill train station, Victoria train station
- Tram:** Bowker Vale tram stop, Victoria tram stop, Market Street tram stop, Piccadilly Gardens tram stop, Shudehill Interchange, Bury Interchange

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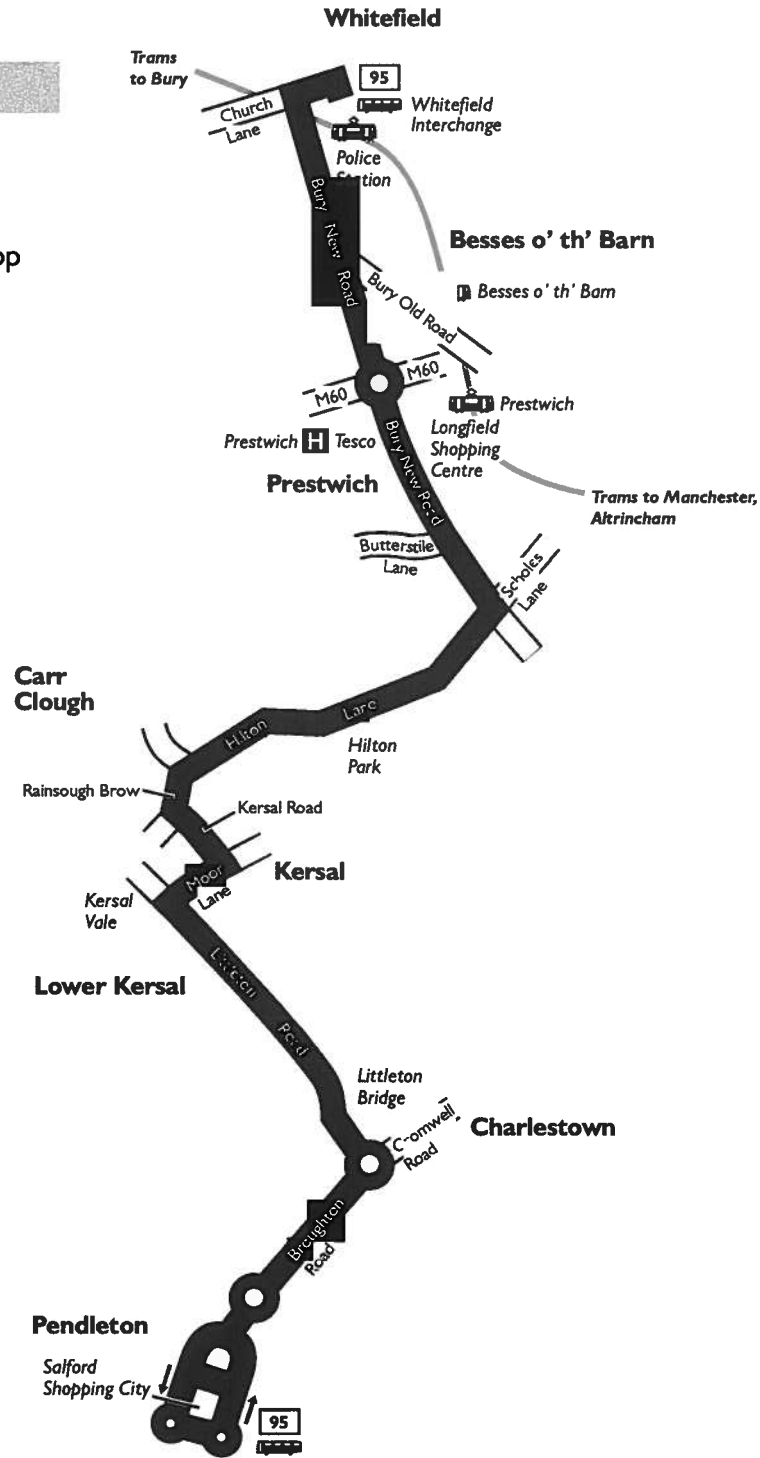


**KEY**

	- Bus route		- Tram stop
	- Tram line		- Hospital
	- Direction of travel		- Terminus
	- Bus station/main connection point		

**Connection points**

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Salford Shopping City
-  **Tram:** Whitefield Interchange  
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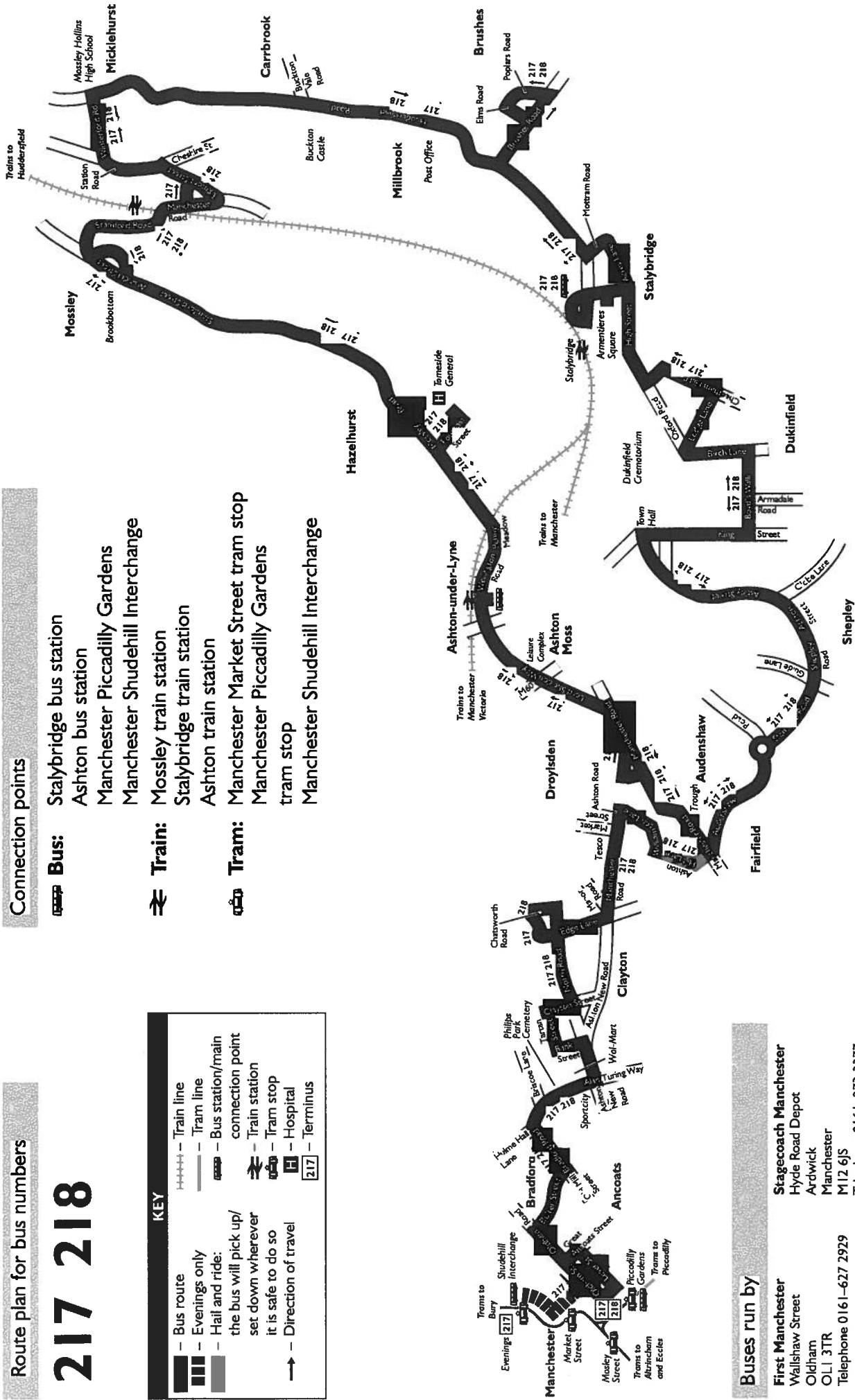
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	Train line
	Evenings only
	Tram line
	Bus station/main connection point
	the bus will pick up/ set down wherever it is safe to do so
	Train station
	Tram stop
	Hospital
	Terminus
	Direction of travel
	217
	218

Connection points

- Bus:**
  - Stalybridge bus station
  - Ashton bus station
  - Manchester Piccadilly Gardens
  - Manchester Shudehill Interchange
- Train:**
  - Mossley train station
  - Stalybridge train station
  - Ashton train station
- Tram:**
  - Manchester Market Street tram stop
  - Manchester Piccadilly Gardens tram stop
  - Manchester Shudehill Interchange



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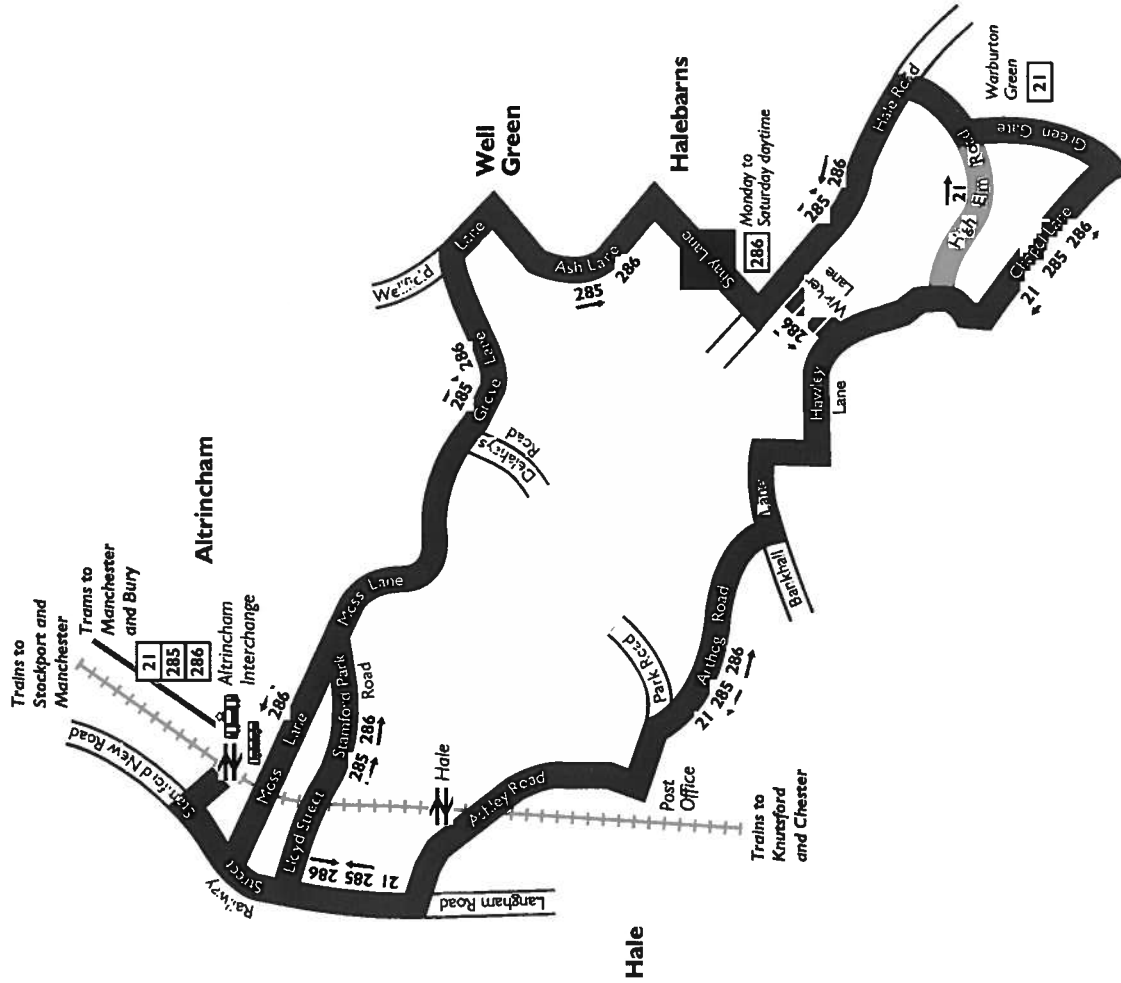
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## KEY

- Bus route
- Evenings only
- Train line
- Tram line
- Hail and Ride: Passengers can get on or off the bus wherever it is safe
- Direction of travel
- Bus station/main connection point
- Train station
- Tram stop
- Terminus

## Connection points

- Bus:** Altrincham Interchange
- Train:** Hale train station
- Tram:** Altrincham Interchange



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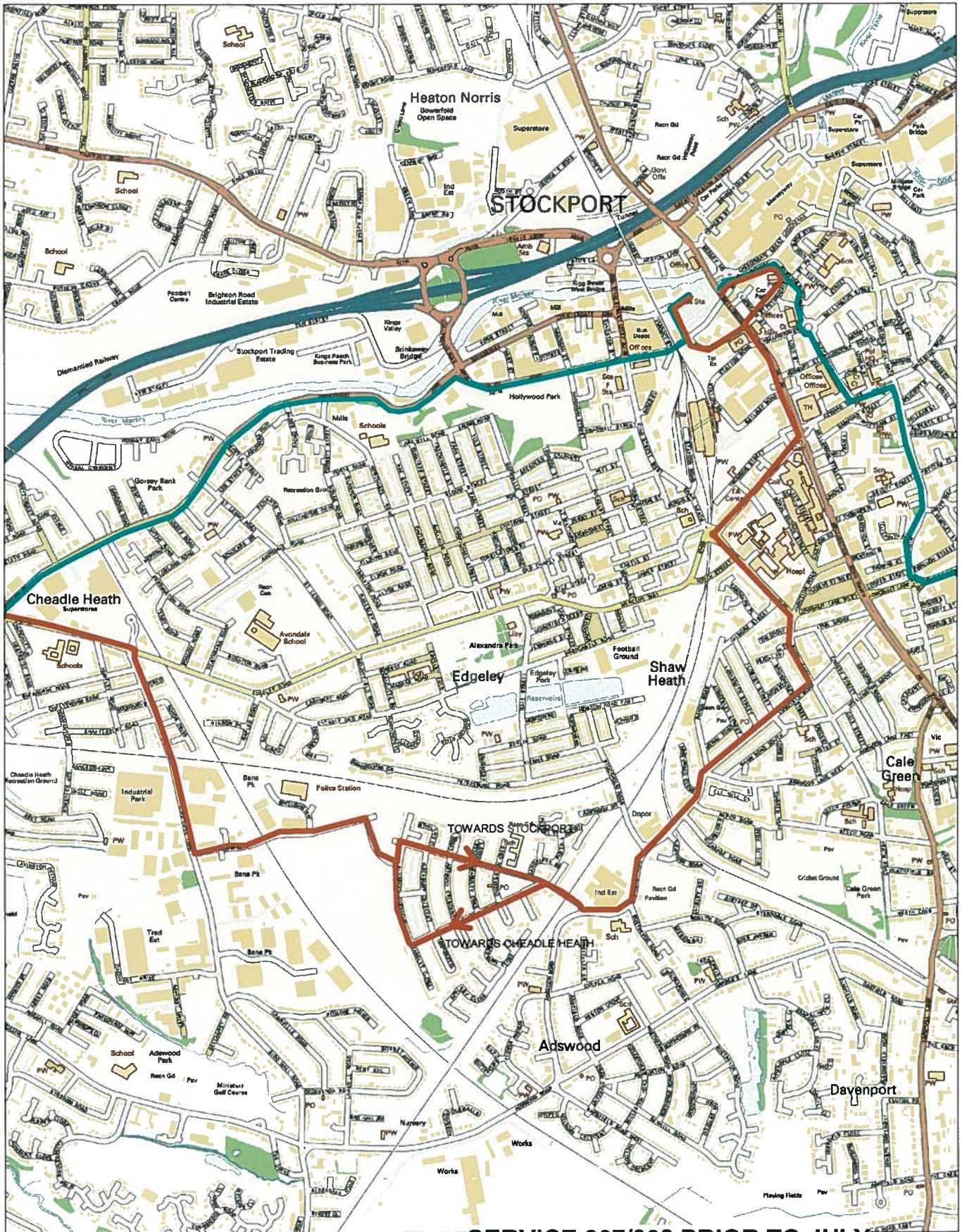
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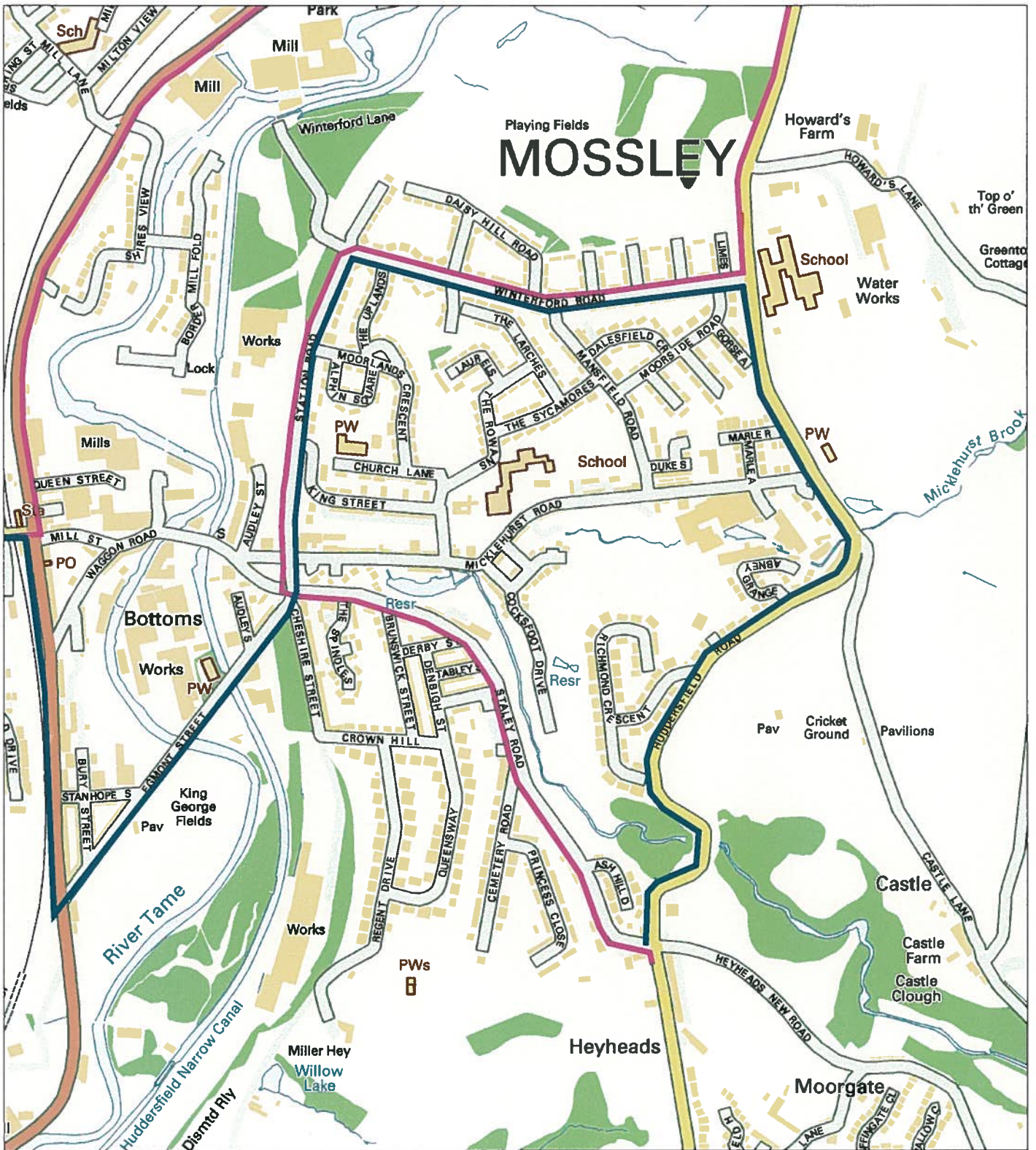


**SERVICE 307/308 PRIOR TO JULY**

**SERVICE 307/308 AFTER JULY**



# SERVICE 343



## SERVICE 343

- Service 343 (Old Route)
- Service 343 (New Route)

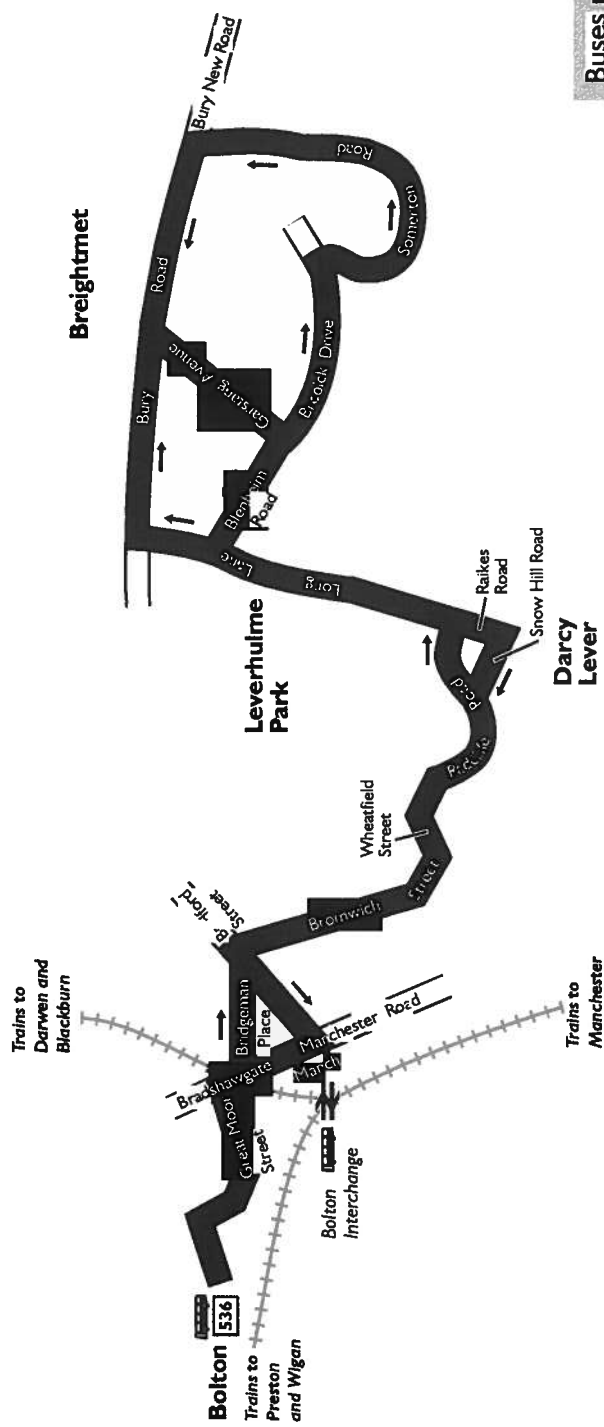


**Connection points**







-  **Bus:** Bolton bus station
-  **Bus:** Bolton Interchange
-  **Train:** Bolton Interchange
-  **Train:** Bolton Interchange

**Route plan for bus number**

**536**



**KEY**

-  Bus route
-  Train line
-  Direction of travel
-  Bus station/main connection point
-  Train station
-  Terminus

**Buses run by**

- Arriva North West**  
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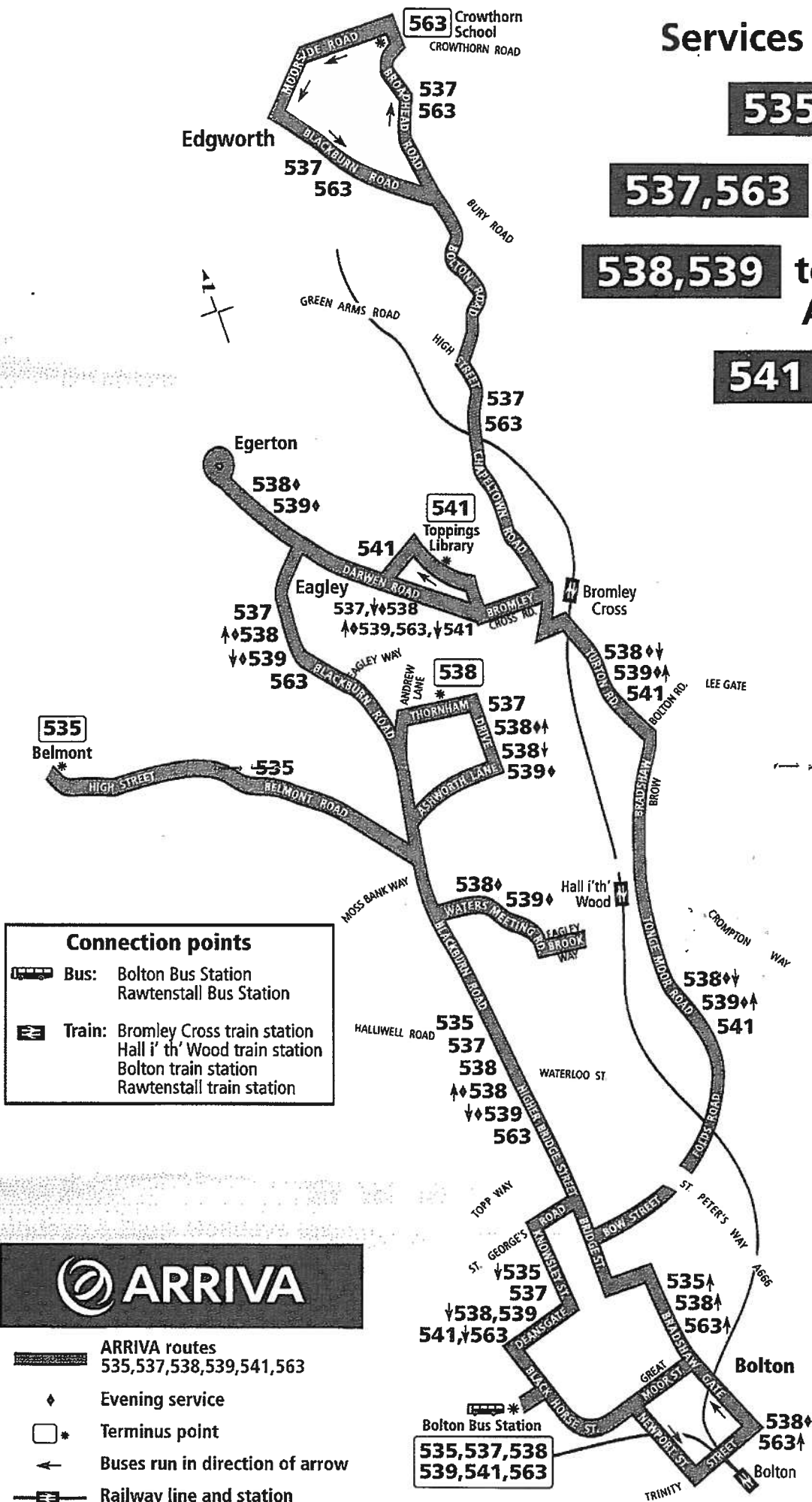
# Services from Bolton:

**535** to Belmont

**537,563** to Edgworth

**538,539** to Eagley and Andrew Lane

**541** to Toppings



**Connection points**

Bus: Bolton Bus Station  
Rawtenstall Bus Station

Train: Bromley Cross train station  
Hall i' th' Wood train station  
Bolton train station  
Rawtenstall train station



- ARRIVA routes  
535,537,538,539,541,563
- Evening service
- Terminus point
- Buses run in direction of arrow
- Railway line and station



**20**

# St. Helens to Bradlegh Road via Haydock

**320**

# St. Helens to Wigan via Platt Bridge and Ince-in-Makerfield

**620**

# St. Helens to Hindley Green



ARRIVA routes 20, 320 and 620



\* Terminus point



Buses run in direction of arrow



Railway line and station

### Connection points



Bus: Bolton bus station  
St. Helens bus station  
Wigan bus station



Train: St. Helens Central train station  
Wigan North West train station  
Wigan Wallgate train station

