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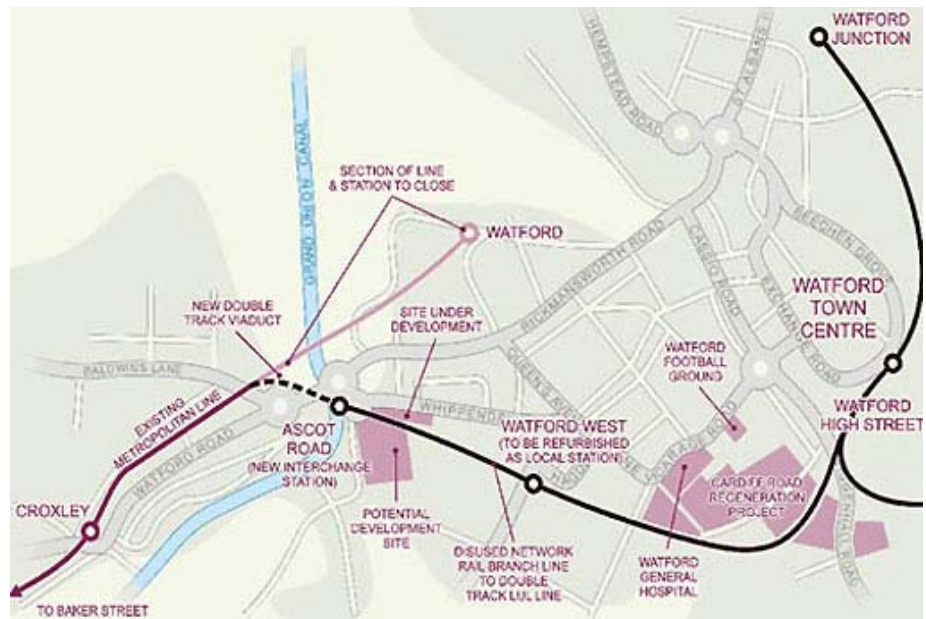
Watford Met station closure process begins

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Formal notices to shut Watford London Underground station have been published as part of the Croxley Rail Link project.

Following the announcement in December 2011 of government funding for the scheme and subsequent submission of an application for a Transport & Works Act Order to the Department for Transport in early January 2012, promoters are publicising plans to close the Metropolitan line terminus at Watford.

The closure is required so that the Metropolitan line can be diverted on to the disused Croxley Green branch line - a new viaduct will provide the connection - with trains continuing on to Watford Junction station, which is a major rail and bus interchange.



Plans to close Watford Met are now being progressed by London Underground in line with the process described in Schedule 8 of the Railways Act 2005. Keeping the station open would reduce the train frequency possible on the new and existing link and therefore undermine the case for the project.

The Croxley Rail Link scheme is scheduled for completion in 2016 and Watford Met station, located beside Cassiobury Park, will not shut before this date. When it does close, the nearest station would be at Ascot Road, a 15 minute walk away. Anyone wishing to object to the closure proposal has until 13 April 2012 to make a representation to London Travelwatch.

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