



North Tyneside Council

Reference: FOI 0478

**Request:**

What plans, or proposals does the Council have for rail, light rail, monorail or tramways within the boundary or the Local Authority?

**Response:**

There are no formal proposals or approvals for new, or expanded, rail, tram, light railway or monorail schemes within the Council's area of authority. However, whilst no formal applications have been prepared at this stage there is an allocation in the Council's Local Plan to: -

- Safeguard land in a north-south corridor in the Cobalt Business Park area for future Metro/local rail extension opportunities.
- Safeguard the land associated with Northumberland County Council's proposal to re-open the Ashington, Blyth, and Tyne railway line which would serve a station at Northumberland Park.
- Safeguard the land at Benton Curve for possible future rail connection to Newcastle International Airport.

The future Metro extension opportunity at Cobalt Business Park is also identified in the North East Combined Authority's Metro and Local Rail Strategy. This is available online at:

[http://www.nexus.org.uk/sites/default/files/Metro%20and%20Light%20Rail%20Strategy%20Draft 0.pdf](http://www.nexus.org.uk/sites/default/files/Metro%20and%20Light%20Rail%20Strategy%20Draft%200.pdf)

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