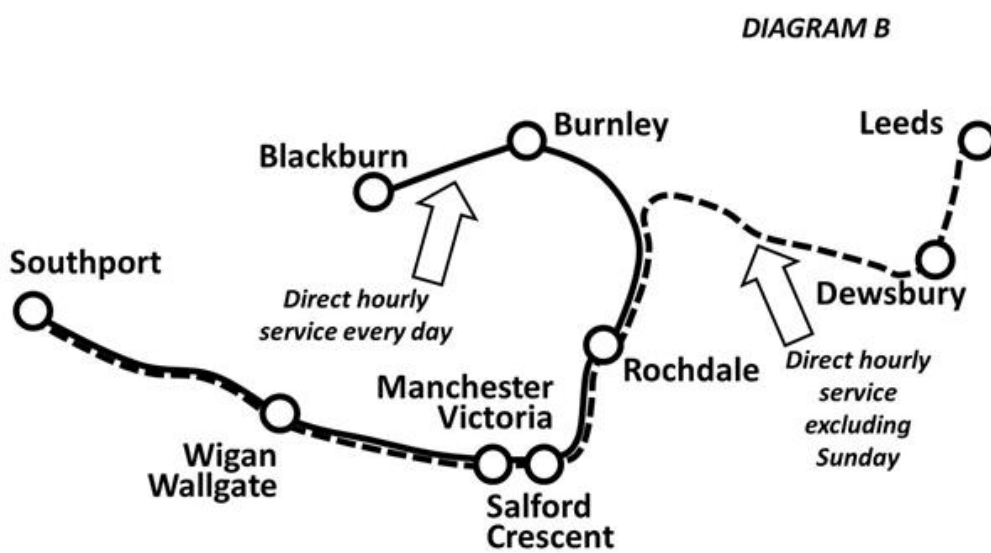
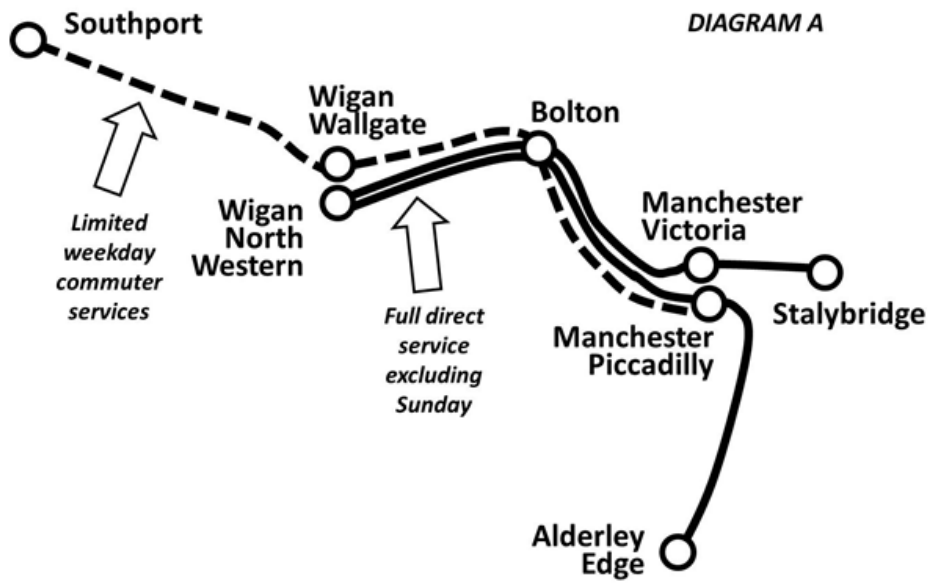


Northern May 2018 timetable proposal for West of Wigan services

Arriva Rail North (Northern) has issued detailed timetables for the services it proposes to offer from May 2018. The proposals cover 'weekdays' (which now means Monday to Saturday), and Sundays. So far as stations on the line between Southport and central Manchester are concerned what is on offer from Northern is:

- A weekday hourly service that runs from Stalybridge to Victoria, Bolton, Wigan (North Western), Bolton, Piccadilly, Alderley Edge, and then back again. This maintains direct service to Piccadilly from Wigan, Hindley, Westhoughton and Bolton but does not extend to Southport. It makes use of one of the four hourly paths Northern has been allocated along the Bolton to Salford Crescent corridor (See diagram A). The last weekday train for Manchester Piccadilly will leave Hindley at 1850 and the last train calling at Westhoughton and Hindley will leave Piccadilly at 1917.
- A Sunday service from Wigan with all trains calling at Hindley and Westhoughton heading towards Manchester Victoria. The last train into Manchester will leave Hindley at 2225 and the last train calling at Westhoughton and Hindley will leave Piccadilly at 2220.
- A weekday only commuter service that runs from Southport, through Wigan and Bolton on to Piccadilly. There would be two trains running inbound in the morning (at 0617 and 0717 from Southport) and two outbound trains in the late afternoon (at 1715 and 1815 from Piccadilly). The inbound services would stop at Deansgate but the outbound services would not (See diagram A).
- A weekday hourly service that runs from Southport, via Wigan, Manchester Victoria, Rochdale and Burnley to Blackburn, and a weekday hour service that runs from Southport, via Wigan, Manchester Victoria, Rochdale and Dewsbury to Leeds. These services would alternate. This would use existing diesel trains. (See diagram B.)
- Sunday services would see no links to Piccadilly for Hindley and Westhoughton, and all Southport trains would go to and from Blackburn not Yorkshire.

There is no proposal to maintain the direct airport service.



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