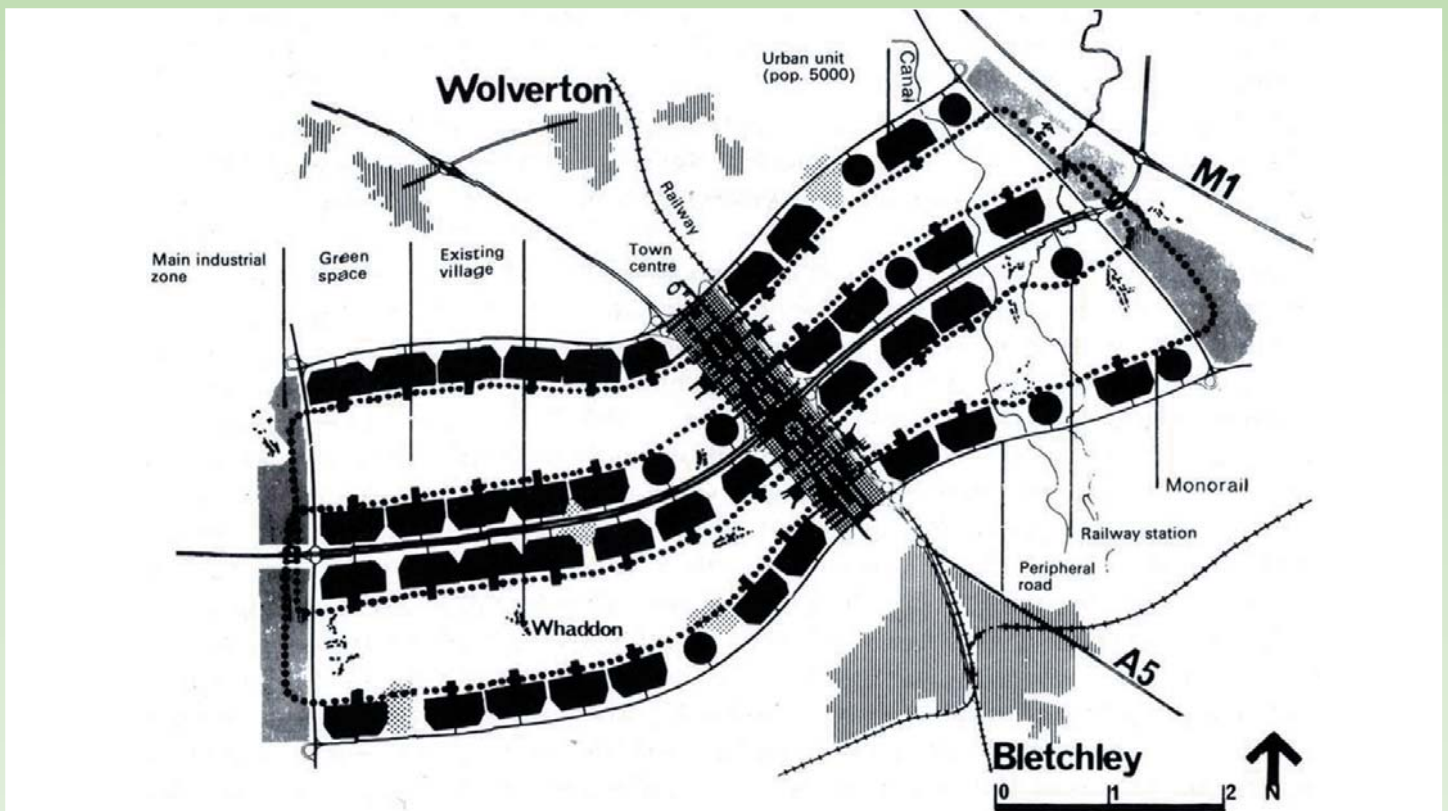


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The Pooley Monorail



Fred Pooley, Chief Architect and Planner of Buckinghamshire in 1957 created 'Pooleyville' – the plan for a monorail-based new city in North Bucks.

'Fred Pooley, a purring, tweedy, aitch-dropping teddy-bear of a man, was one of the outstanding technical officers of his generation.'

Terry Bendixson

Pooley's monorail would have been a huge figure of eight in and around the town centre - a multi-decked structure with the A5 Holyhead Road running beneath it.

The monorail cars were to be suspended from a hollow box beam which enclosed the running surfaces and traction bogies as weather-protection.

People would live in blocks of flats and town-houses within the monorail and travel on it – free - to their places of work and leisure.

'A space-age city intended to reflect totalitarian urbanism'

Mark Clapson

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