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In the twenty years between the July 1845 Act of Parliament for the railway to run from Altrincham to Manchester and the commissioning of the Plan, the small rural village of Bowdon had become a desirable commuter suburb. The Plan was the response of the newly formed Bowdon Local Board, to assess the increase in demand on the limited water from springs, wells and pumps; the disposal of household and highway waste and the supply of gas from Altrincham for lighting. The new sewage system leading down to the Bollin river and gas lamps are shown on the Plan. It is held by Bowdon Parish Archives who have kindly allowed it to be photographed by John Rylands Heritage Imaging.