

CLASSIFIED NETWORK RENEWAL (CHALLENGE FUND) 2015-2018

This is a six year programme of work to renew 341km of the West Midlands Classified Road Network in urgent need of repair. This will support regeneration and economic growth, and reduce environmental and business costs arising from poor highway condition.

The West Midlands was successful in receiving a significant contribution of £39.9m, to be spent during the first three years of the programme and to complement current maintenance block funding to achieve the full six year programme.

Dudley has received £9.2m from this award, which is being targeted at renewing the roads in urgent need of repair within the Classified Network. Although this is only 18% of the total roads network, it comprises those strategic routes plus main and secondary distributor roads, which form the key network for business, work and leisure routes within the Borough. Funding for the unclassified network is provided locally by Dudley MBC.

Notes

- Roads may be split into several sections. In some cases, only part of a road has been identified for resurfacing.
- Where the road is a dual carriageway, separate sections are shown for the two sides (northbound and southbound or westbound and eastbound).
- Wards are not listed as many of the classified roads cross or straddle ward boundaries.
- The majority of roads will require full reconstruction. However some may only require replacement of the surface course or a treatment such as surface dressing.
- The programme may be subject to change due to outside influences such as utility works, new developments, regeneration projects etc. Year 1 (2015/16) schemes are now reasonably firm and some have already been completed, but there may be some changes required in Years 2 and 3.
- Although the Challenge Fund is only provided for 3 years, the programme will continue for a further 3 years using funding from the DfT's Highways Maintenance Block Allocations. This will allow for the maintenance of the remaining roads not treated in the initial 3 years period.