

## **Decision Support System:**



### **Integrated Inter-Asset Management of Street Works**

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#### A System of Systems Decision Support Approach

ATU Decision Support System (ATU-DSS): Interactive computer system that supports asset management decisions by integrating and reasoning with diverse information sources about assets and their relationships.

#### **Knowledge Base**

- Ontology that defines main concepts and relationships of buried assets, ground conditions, environment, human activities.
- Real world datasets that come from existing mapping, geotechnical, utility data bases (Ordnance Survey, BGS, UK Water Industry Research, etc.) or are produced by ATU streams.

System of Systems Approach: Urban street works management requires bringing together various asset diagnosis and management systems in a holistic system which offers more complex functionality.

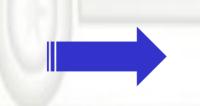
# **Sustainability Model**

- Cost model to compare the outcomes of different utility services options with regard to cost efficiency.
- Alternative practices to suggest different investigation options for utility assessment, including both invasive and non-invasive methods.

# **Example Scenario: 'Small but Mighty' Pothole**



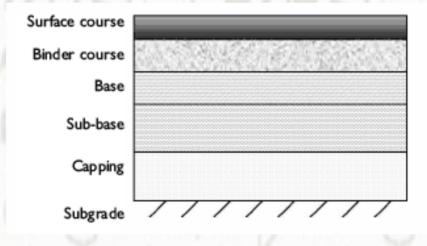
Category 2 (minor)



Foreseeable?



#### **Road structure?**



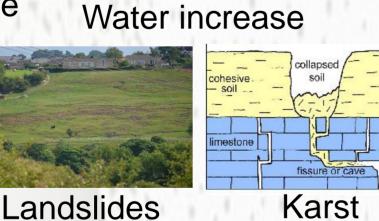
#### **Ground movement beneath road?**

subsurface infrastructure

Failure of

Geological causes (Hazards)



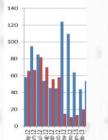




Shrinkage

Rainfall?





Weather and climate (Met. Office)

#### **Alternatives for investigation?**





Invasive





Non invasive (Geophysics)

#### **DSS Functions and Architecture**

#### **DSS Stakeholder Requirements**

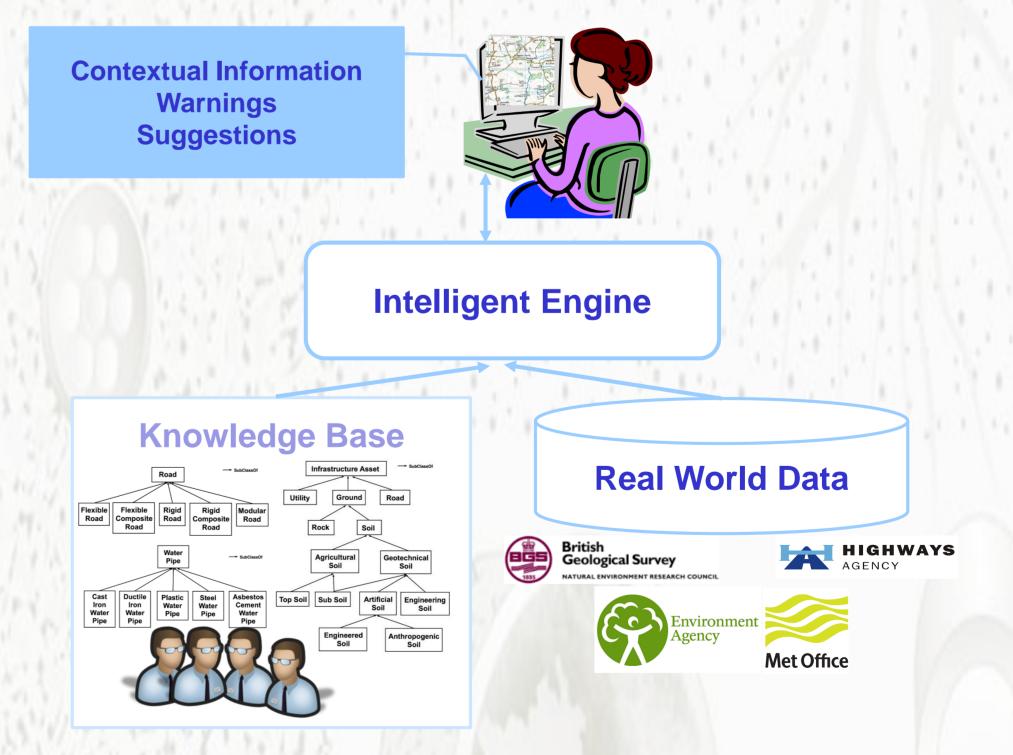
The ATU stakeholder workshop in December 2013:

- Supply one authority to plan and manage underground space;
- Provide knowledge about asset management alternatives;
- Help with quantifying the costs/benefits.

#### **DSS Provides**

- Contextual information referring to links with other assets;
- Warnings about things that may be overlooked;
- Suggestions about possible actions.

#### **DSS Architecture**



#### **Current State and Future Work**

- Contextual model that captures domain experts' knowledge of ground, roads, pipes asset management (complete):
- Logical coding of the knowledge base (partially complete);
- Implementing the intelligent engine;
- Collecting and refining scenarios with stakeholders;
- Validation based on the scenarios.

















