

Sunderland Road Maintenance



Key information

Construction cost **c. \$60 million**

Street lights **45,000**

Award

Finalist for Most Promising New Operating project award

British Astronomical Association's Good Lighting Award for protecting the night sky

Introduction

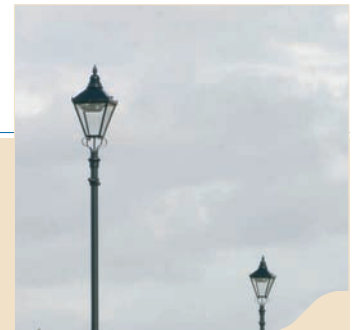
Balfour Beatty Capital was awarded a 25-year public-private partnership (PPP) project to design, finance and maintain the street lighting and road signs in the city of Sunderland, UK.

Balfour Beatty's share of the investment company is 100%. Balfour Beatty's committed investment is \$6 million which will be invested upon completion of the five-year construction project.



Project overview

- Achieved financial close in August 2003 with services beginning two weeks later
- 35,000 existing street lights will be replaced during the first five years of the project and 3,500 additional street lights will be installed to achieve the specified lighting levels.
- Includes maintenance and replacement of street lights and road signs for the remainder of the contract
- The city of Sunderland's workforce was transferred to Balfour Beatty under Transfer of Undertakings Protection of Employment (TUPE).



Good Lighting Award

In 2005 Balfour Beatty Capital received the British Astronomical Association's Good Lighting Award. The project improved lighting while restricting light creeping above the horizon, polluting the night sky. Councilman Joe Lawson said, *"This is an excellent achievement for Sunderland. It shows that the PPP is receiving deserved recognition"*.



*"The installation of 35,000 new street lights will have a **major impact on reducing night crime** and the fear of crime and on improving road safety. We believe it will also have benefits in terms of generally **encouraging people to walk, cycle and use public transportation more often.**"*

Councilman Ian Gilbraith, Cabinet Member for Environment