The map categorises the Wolverhampton highway network according to the degree of confidence and ability needed for cycling linked to levels of cycling competence prescribed by the National Cycle Training Standard.

The map uses a digital base map with all roads shaded according to the experience required to use them. There are four classifications of road. Whilst all classification is subjective, the following general criteria are applicable.

1. Easy Riding Conditions
   - Good for beginners.
   - Low traffic levels, low speeds.
   - Generally good conditions for all abilities.
   - Minor roads, low traffic levels except at some periods during school run and rush hour. Wide enough for overtaking at lower speeds. Some lorry or bus movements.

2. Conditions are not suitable for beginners.
   - Busier roads, moderate speeds, normal road conditions, some lorry or bus movement. Either low speeds and narrow, or wide with easy overtaking.

3. Conditions are suitable for experienced confident cyclists.
   - Complex junctions, narrow/pinchpoints, faster and heavy traffic.

Your key to the map

- Red: Difficult cycling conditions
- Green: Easy cycling conditions
- Orange: Moderately difficult cycling conditions

- Traffic signals for cyclists where a cycleway crosses the road (where a shared use crossing is provided)
- Cycle route ahead
- Wolverhampton Cycle Map
- No cycling
- Route for cyclists only
- Route for cyclists and pedestrians only
- Segregated route for cyclists and pedestrians
- Cycle lane
- Cycle lane ahead
- Recommended route for cyclists on road
- Contra-flow cycle lane
- Direction sign for recommended cycle route

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- Red: Difficult cycling conditions
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- Yellow: Very difficult cycling conditions

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The map also includes symbols for different types of cycling infrastructure, such as cycle parking points and cycle signs explained.