



SuDS & Urban Drainage

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Agenda

Time	Item	Comment
10:00	Welcome and Introduction	
10:10	1 - SuDS – The Basics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SuDS Philosophy • The 4 Pillars of SuDS Design • SuDS Types & SuDS Controls 	Starting at a fairly basic level for those less informed about SuDS
10:40	2 – Legislation & Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAR – Water Quality • FRM – Flooding • Scottish Water and Building Standards 	Controlled Activities Regulations, Flood Risk Management Act, Technical Handbook
11:00	3 – SuDS Guidance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SuDS Manual 2015 – CIRIA C753 • WADAG – Water & Drainage Assessment Guide • SEPA’s RM-08 	New and recent updates
11:30	Coffee	
11:40	5 - Some Details <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Source Control • Options 	The Importance of Source Control
12:00	6 – Case Studies & Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case studies – J4M8; Nitshill • Quiz & competition • Discussion / Q&A 	Open session to encourage discussion
12:45	Lunch	
13:15	7a - Introduction to workshop session	Workshop session (in groups) to provide solutions for various scenarios
13:25	7b - Break-out sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local site plan • Given scenario 	
14:05	7c - Feedback from Group sessions	
14:25	8 - The SuDS Life Cycle – from cradle to cradle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance • Section 7 Agreements & Scottish Water Responsibilities • The CAPEX, OPEX and whole life costs arguments 	The importance of long-term management
14:45	Coffee	
15:00	9 – SuDS Tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BeST Tool • SuDS4Rds Whole Life Cost Tool o Simple Index Approach - SEPA 	Useful tools for downloading
15:30	Discussion	
16:00	Close	

What do you want
from today?

Note it



The SUDS Philosophy

“MIMIC NATURAL DRAINAGE”

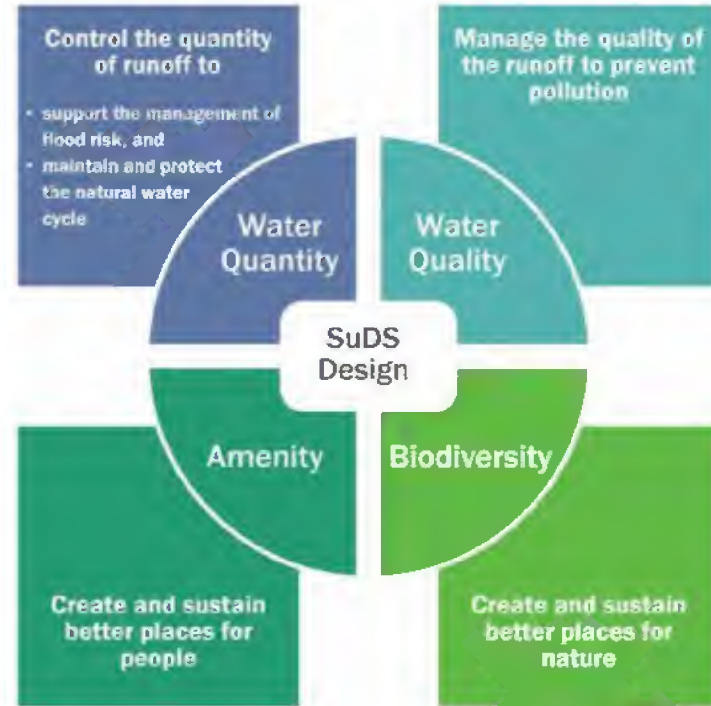
- Allow **infiltration**
 - Where possible;
 - permeable soils,
 - rock type,
 - proximity of groundwater
 - Where appropriate;
 - no groundwater risk
 - no contaminated land issues
- Encourage **attenuation**
 - Of Peak Flows;
 - Contain storm volume
 - Controlled release
 - Of Polluted Runoff;
 - Allow settlement of sediments
 - Encourage natural treatment processes

The 4 Pillars of SuDS Design

- Surface water should be managed for maximum benefit
- All 4 pillars should be considered in any design

Flooding

Pollution



People

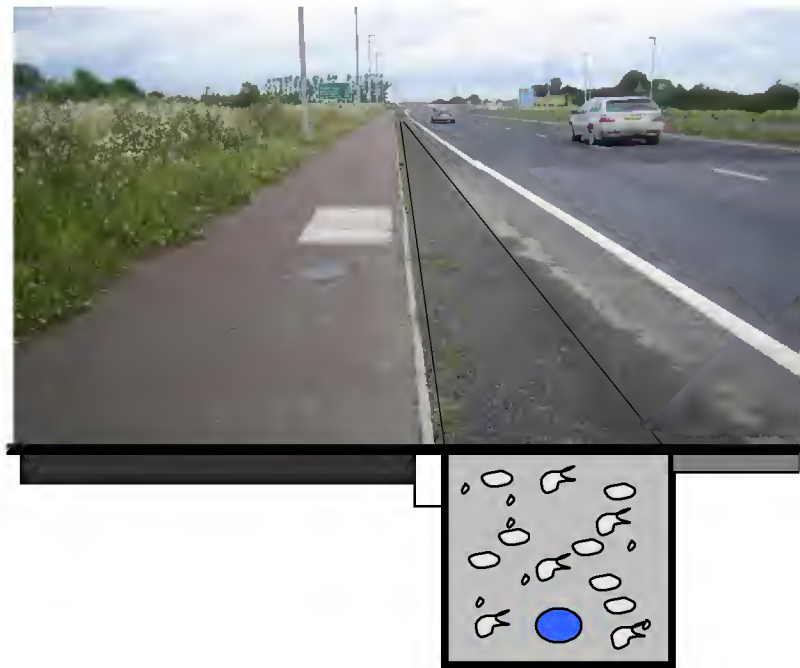
Nature

Extract from CIRIA
SuDS Manual 2015

Types of SuDS

Filter Trench

- Narrow stone filled trench
- Usually road-side facilities
- Must be lower than paved surfaces
- May be lined with
 - Impermeable membrane
 - Geotextile*
- Usually has pipe above floor
 - Carrier pipe – whole length
 - End pipe – last few metres only
- May need maintenance in a few years
- Similar types;
 - **Infiltration Trench* (Liner is geotextile not impermeable membrane)
 - *French Drain*



Don't forget about **Filter Strips**

- Grassed surface
- Gentle slope away from impermeable area; typically 2 – 5%
- Sheet-flow runoff drops onto filter strip
- Typically > 2.5m wide
- May allow infiltration depending on catchment and soils
- Motorway Service Station;
- Monitoring showed good evidence of treatment



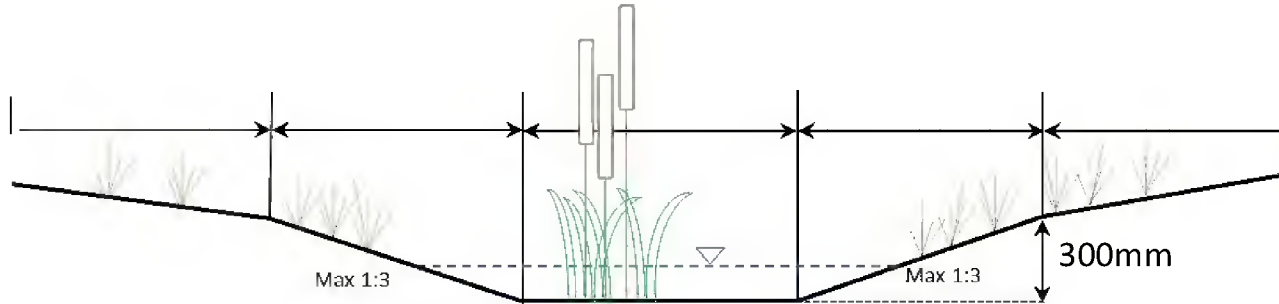
Swales

- Linear Depression
 - Often roadside facility
 - Also conveyance for Pipe-Free system
 - Shallow sides
 - Not deep
- More later....

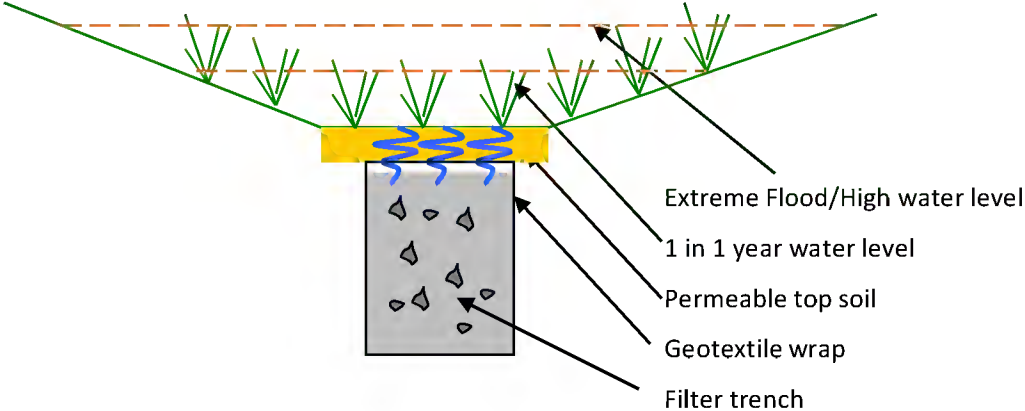


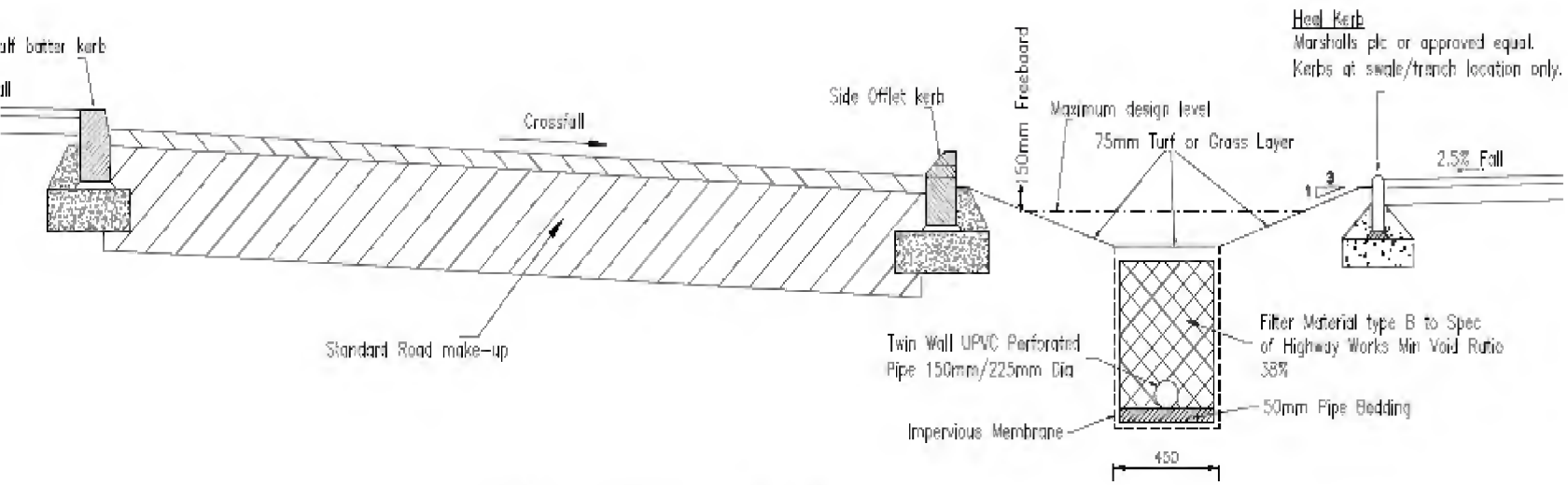
Swales

- **Standard swale**
 - Typically gentle side slopes with a flat base (floor)
 - Longitudinal section is flatter (1:200 – 1:50)
 - Not deep if not wide; typically 300mm, but can be deeper if much wider



Cross Section of an Underdrained (or Dry) Swale





SWALE/DRAINAGE DETAIL

Allow for New Growth

- To allow for lateral flow into the swale there must be a drop in level from the road.
- Newly established grass will “bulk-up” as it matures and fills the swale, so allow for this in the design.



Bioretention

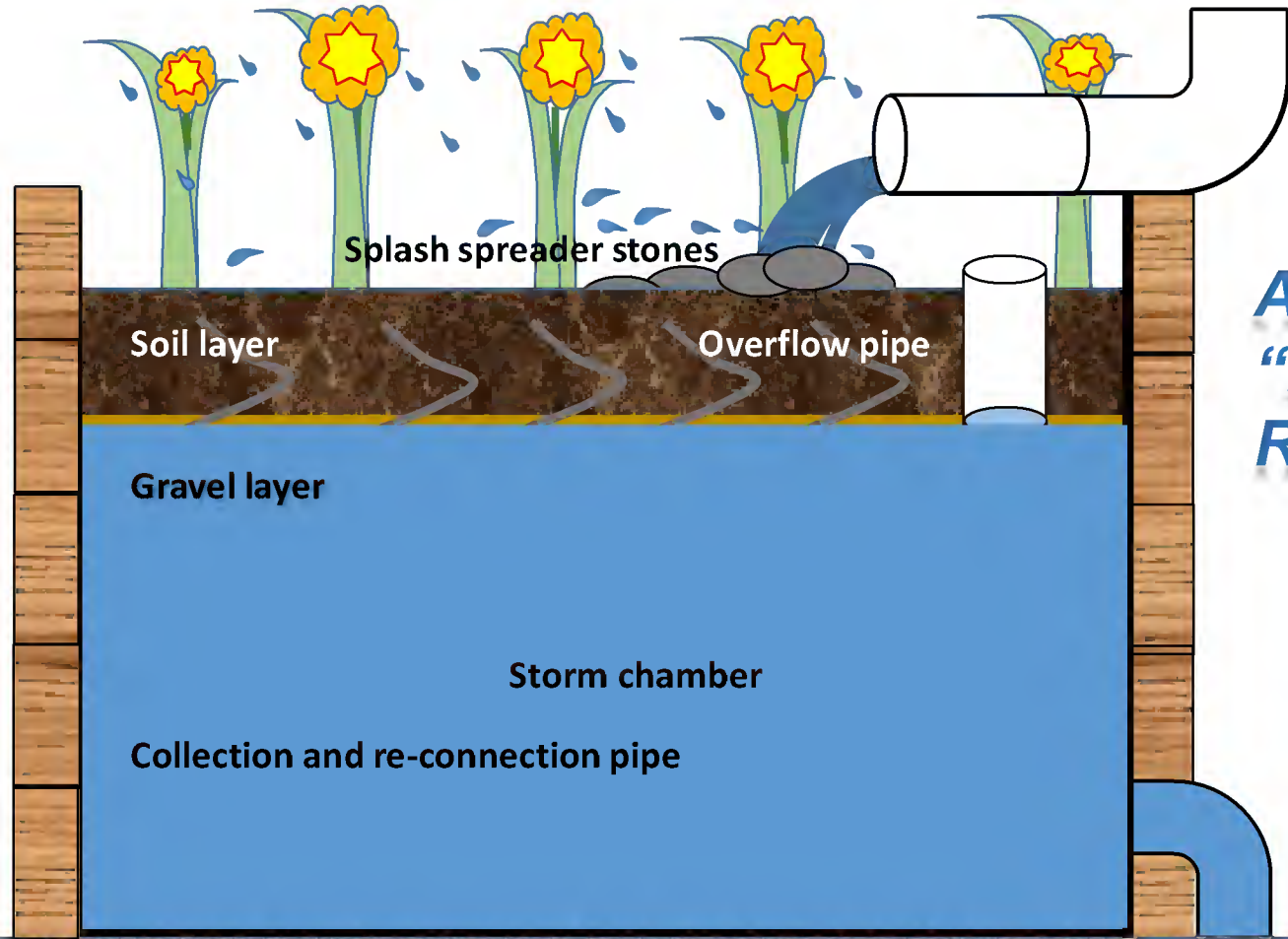
- Bioretention systems or cells are shallow landscaped depressions capable of reducing runoff rates and volumes and can treat pollution



Rain Gardens

- Rain Garden is typically smaller bioretention module
- One definition “...vegetated area designed to attenuate rainfall”





*A simple
"box planter"
Rain Garden*

Ground Level
▽

Steep Ground?

Introducing the “Rain Ladder”

a Bioretention Hybrid



Artist's impression

Permeable paving



SUDS Vs Conventional



Basins

- Normally dry but fills during rainfall
- Also known as Extended, Enhanced, Detention Basin!
- Contains runoff during storms
- Drains down after storm
- Wetland areas?
- Controlled outlet...
...to regulate discharge

Basin in Dunfermline



The same basin on a wet day



Green Roofs – getting SuDS off the ground

- Vegetated roofs of varying vegetation type and intensity
- Capable of attenuating runoff depending on substrate and roof slope
- Many benefits including thermal and sound insulation, habitat provision, amenity (on the roof)



Ponds

- Commonly used in residential developments
- Can provide good amenity
- Great landscaping potential



Wetlands

- A wetland is a shallow pond with vegetation surface cover of $>70\%$
- Can offer different water quality benefits from a pond, e.g. hydrocarbons



The Treatment Train

- **Source controls**

- Managing runoff at or adjacent to the surface that rain falls on

- **Conveyance Controls**

- Pathway to route (convey) runoff

- **Receptor (end of line) Control**

- Facility that will receive runoff from upstream areas

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- Filter strip
 - Filter trench
 - Swale
 - Bioretention/Rain Gardens
 - Green Roofs
 - Permeable paving
 - Swale
 - Filter trench
 - Pond
 - Basin
 - Wetland

The Importance of Source Control

- Manages runoff at source

Therefore,

- Small amounts of runoff (at source)
- Small amounts of pollution (at source)



SEPA Edinburgh Office Car Park

Around 10 years with no maintenance on paving



Occasional landscaping
overspill – no impact on
hydraulic function

Edge detail has limited
signs of blinding
but otherwise fine

Could do better...

- SuDS introduced to UK 1996
- Principle adopted by SEPA & EA
- First SuDS Manuals from CIRIA in 2000
- So have we made progress?

- Yes, with some excellent examples across the land

- But, progress has been slow with reticence in many quarters



The Right SuDS in the Right Place

"We've no space at the bottom so we'll pump runoff to a pond."



Topography is the driver

- Drainage infrastructure is lowest/deepest and therefore;
 - Constructed first on site
 - Includes SuDS as surface water infrastructure
- Pumping should be avoided
- Generally ponds/basins at the bottom
- Conveyance may follow footpaths and roads
- Innovation is good

The hole-in-the-ground-filled-with-water approach!

- Fulfilling environmental and flooding regulations is the easy bit
 - We should go beyond the hole-in-the-ground-filled-with-water approach
 - Improving the efficiencies of each system requires careful consideration
 - This can even save money
- ...and provide “Better Places” – a Scottish Government agenda

Is this pond OK?
Any thoughts to improve?



Pond Safety



Barrier Vegetation



Retrofitted in a Dense Development



An Extract from SEPA's Guidance

	Number of houses / car park spaces				
Receiving Water Type	<25	25-50	>50-100	100-1000	>1000
Normal sensitivity watercourse	1 level	1 level	2 levels	2 levels	2 levels
Low sensitivity watercourse	1 level	1 level	1 level	2 levels	2 levels
Transitional waters	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Section 4.5
Coastal waters	None	None	None	None	Section 4.5
Still Applies but Changing Soon – See SEPA Guidance in Later Session					
GBR applies	Standing planning advice Local Authority checks source control design				
GBR applies	SEPA provides site-specific planning advice LA checks source control design				
GBR applies	SEPA provides site-specific planning advice LA checks source control design, Scottish Water checks pond/basin design if Sewers for Scotland 2				
Licence required	SEPA provides site-specific planning advice LA, Scottish Water, SEPA may check design				

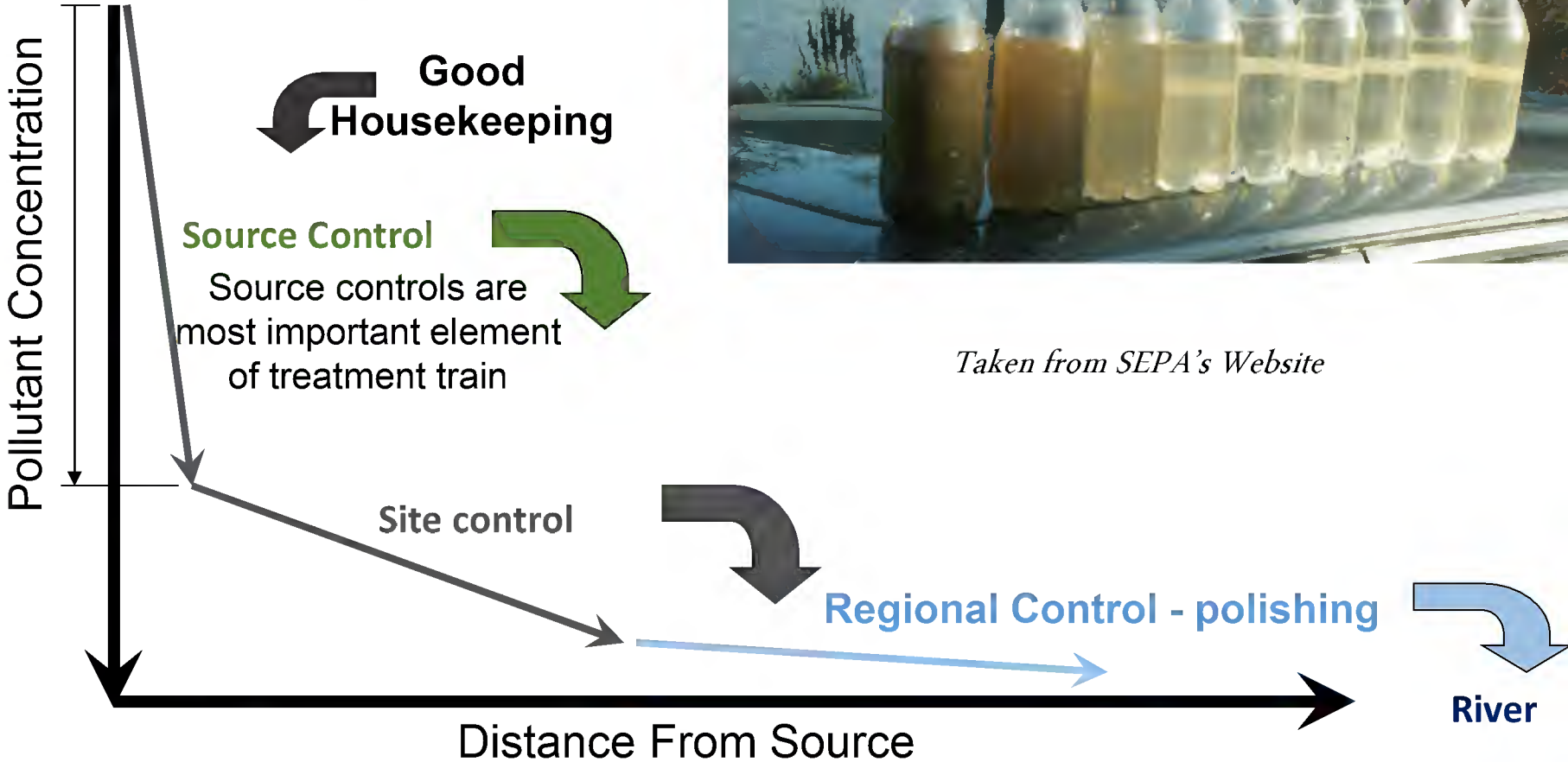
- Regulatory Method
(WAT-RM-08)
“Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems”

Levels of Treatment

- Levels of treatment
 - In series
 - 1 - Permeable paving, then
 - 2 - Basin, then
 - 3 - Swale
 - ~~NOT in parallel~~
 - ~~1 or 2 or 3~~



SUDS Treatment Train



Taken from SEPA's Website

Surface Water Management Plans

- [South Glasgow Flood Visualisation](#)

We don't want hazardous, muddy puddles with no habitat potential....



Any Questions?

The Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009



Duties of responsible authorities

The FRM Act places a duty on Scottish Ministers, SEPA and the responsible authorities to act to reduce 'overall flood risk'.

It also places a duty on them to:

1. Act in the way best calculated to manage flood risk in a sustainable way;
2. Promote sustainable flood management;
3. Act with a view to raising public awareness;
4. Act in the way best calculated to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development.



Aims of sustainable flood management

- The 5 main aims of SFM are:



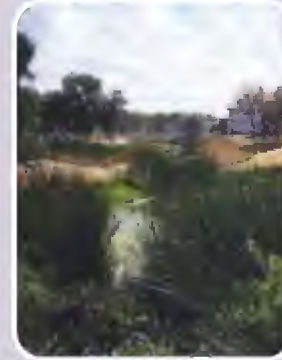
A reduction in the number of people, homes and property at risk of flooding



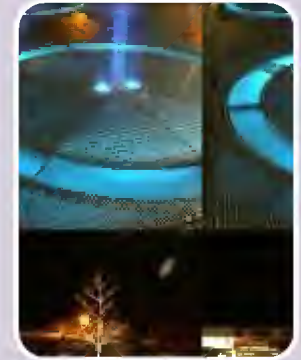
Integrated drainage that decreases burdens on our sewer systems



Rural and urban landscapes with space to store water and slow down the progress of floods



Flood management actions being undertaken that will stand the test of time and be adaptable to future changes in the climate.



A well informed public

Developing a catchment approach

'Actions that affect one part of a river or coastline can have consequences elsewhere. This means that flood management measures are most effective when they are coordinated across catchments and along coastlines in a way that is uninhibited by administrative boundaries.'

Scottish Government SFM Guidance

SEPA and the responsible authorities now have to coordinate their actions to tackle flood risk across catchments.

General Duties - 1

As a “Responsible Authority”, Scottish local authorities have general duties as described in the Act that include:

1. A direct role in contributing to **reducing flood risk**;
2. A duty to consider the **social, environmental** and **economic** impacts of carrying out its functions;
3. A duty to act in the best way to contribute to the achievement of **sustainable** development.



General Duties - 2

4. The council is required to work in **partnership** and **collaborate** with other responsible authorities, adopting an integrated **'joined up'** approach to managing flood risk;
5. It is required to promote sustainable flood risk management;
6. There is a duty to prepare **Local Flood Risk Management Plans.**



What is a Local Flood Risk Management Plan (LFRMP)?

National Flood Risk Assessment

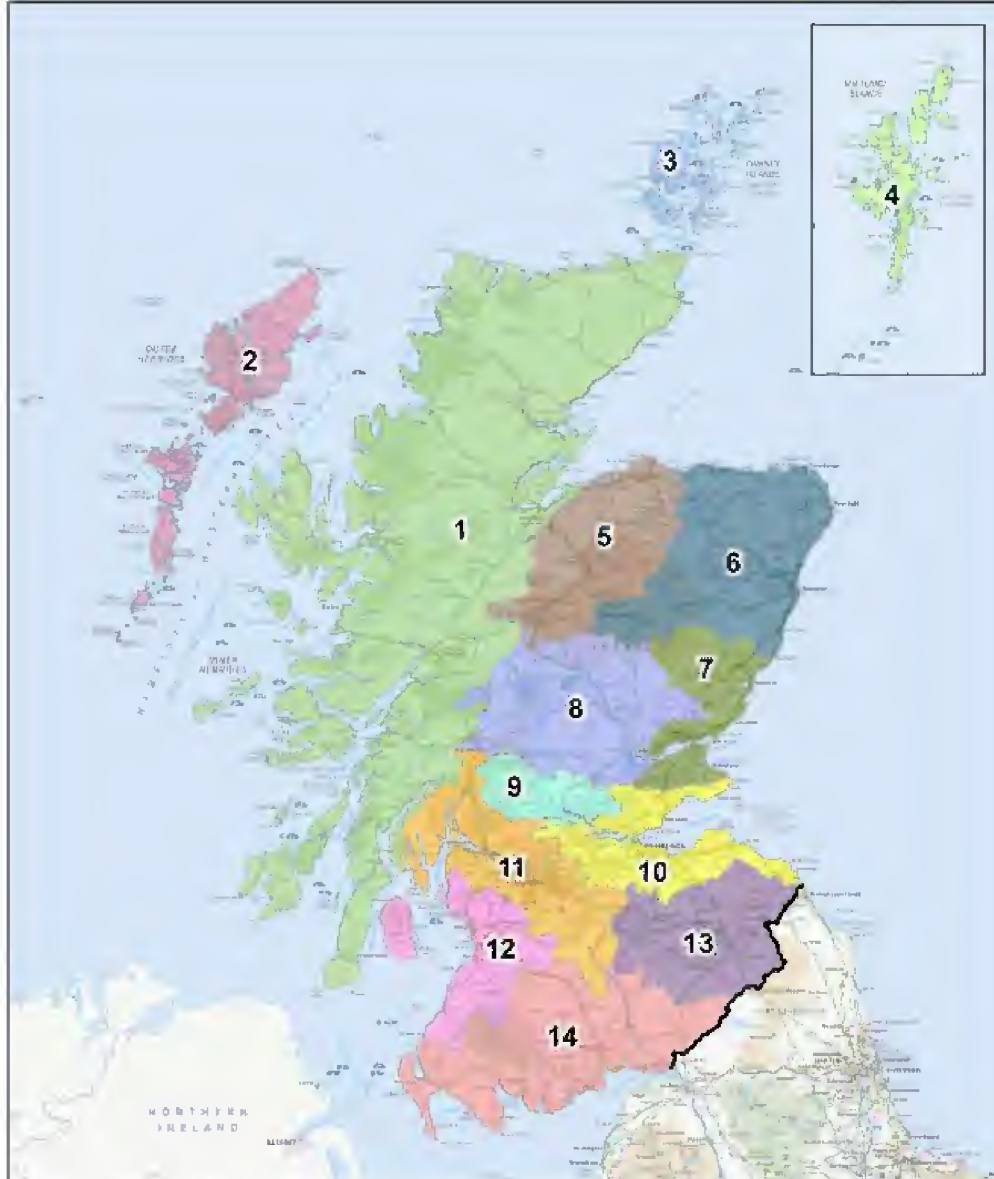
- Identifies area most vulnerable to flooding
- Identifies where flood management effort should be targeted



Local Flood Risk Management Plans (14 Districts)

- Deliver nationally based strategies which will be refined to meet local needs and priorities;
- Designed to identify and address flood risk within designated area;
- To be led and prepared by local authorities with support from local advisory groups;
- Will include a summary of how actions will be implemented.

Local Plan Districts



Local Plan Districts

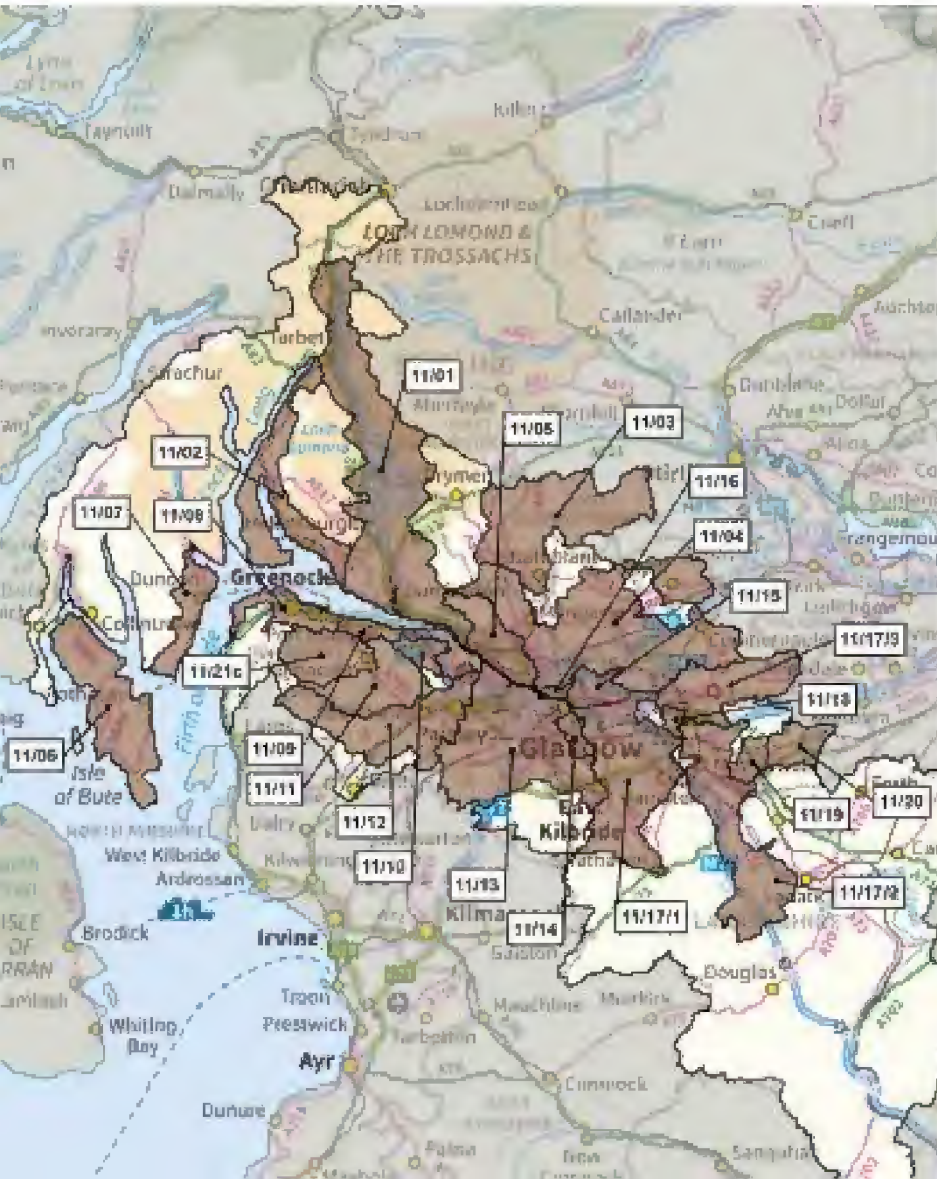
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| 1. Highland and Argyll | 8. Tay |
| 2. Outer Hebrides | 9. Forth |
| 3. Orkney | 10. Forth Estuary |
| 4. Shetland | 11. Clyde and Loch Lomond |
| 5. Findhorn, Nairn and Speyside | 12. Ayrshire |
| 6. North East | 13. Tweed |
| 7. Tay Estuary and Montrose Basin | 14. Solway |

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Local Plan Districts

- The FRM Act requires the production of **Flood Risk Management Plans** covering each Local Plan District.
- For each Local Plan District a **lead local authority** will be identified and a wider partnership formed.
- New **Flood Risk Management Strategies** formed
- Highlighting **Potentially Vulnerable Areas** (PVAs)

Flood Risk Management Strategy

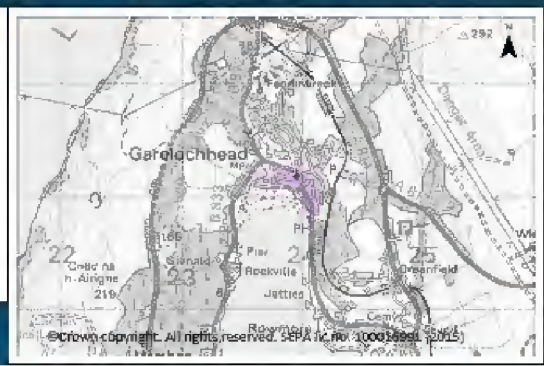


Objectives to manage flooding in Potentially Vulnerable Area 11/02

Objectives provide a common goal and shared ambition for managing floods. These objectives have been set by SEPA and agreed with flood risk management authorities following consultation. They were identified through an assessment of the underlying evidence of the causes and impacts of flooding. Target areas have been set to focus actions; they do not necessarily correspond to areas at risk in SEPA's flood map. The objectives below have been set for Helensburgh to Loch Long Potentially Vulnerable Area.

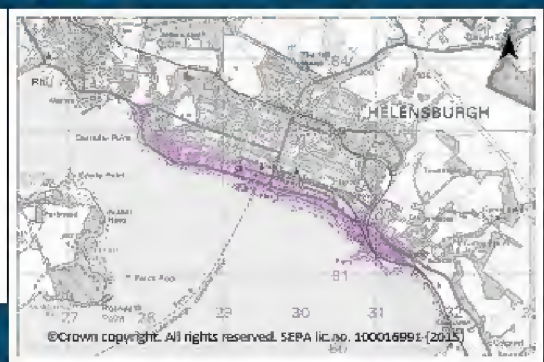
Reduce the risk of coastal flooding to residential properties and non-residential properties in Garelochhead

- Indicators:
- 10 residential properties
 - <10 non-residential properties
 - £47,000 Annual Average Damages
- Objective ID: 11002



Reduce the risk of coastal flooding to residential properties and non-residential properties in Helensburgh

- Indicators:
- 30 residential properties
 - 10 non-residential properties
 - £48,000 Annual Average Damages
- Objective ID: 11003



Controlled Activities Regulations

Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations

- Europe – *Water Framework Directive*
 - Scotland – *Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act*
 - Regulations – *Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations*
 - *General Binding Rules – 10 & 11*

Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act

Part 1 - Biodiversity

Section 1 - Duty to further the conservation of biodiversity

- (1) It is the duty of every public body and office-holder, in exercising any functions, to further the conservation of biodiversity so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions.
- (2) In complying with the duty imposed by subsection (1) a **body or office-holder** must have regard to;
 - (a) any strategy designated under section 2(1)*, and
 - (b) the United Nations Environmental Programme Convention on Biological Diversity of 5 June 1992 as amended from time to time (or any United Nations Convention replacing that Convention).

* Scottish biodiversity strategy

Technical Handbook

(Building Standards)

3 – Environment

3.6 - Surface Water Drainage

Mandatory Standard 3.6

Every building, and hard surface within the curtilage of a building, must be designed and constructed with a surface water drainage system that will:

- a. ensure the disposal of surface water without threatening the building and the health and safety of the people in or around the building, and
- b. have facilities for **the separation and removal of silt, grit and pollutants.**

Technical Handbook

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3.6.4 Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems

Sustainable urban drainage (SUD) is a concept that focuses decisions about drainage on the environment and people. The concept takes account of the quantity and quality of surface water run-off and the amenity value of surface water in the urban environment.

The variety of design options available allows designers and planners to consider local land use, land take, future management and the needs of local people. SUD systems often stretch beyond the confines of the curtilage of individual buildings but need to be considered as a whole.

Fundamental to a successful SUD system is a management train that allows for a range of components to be incorporated for control or management of surface water, such as:

- **Source Control** – control of run-off at or very near its source by components including soakaways, other infiltration methods, green roofs or permeable surfaces.
- **Site Control** – management of surface water within a building site by components including large soakaways, infiltration systems or detention basins.
- **Regional Control** – management of surface water from building sites by components including balancing ponds or wetlands.

SUD systems range from the use of basic components such as permeable materials that allow surface water to infiltrate to ground in a way that can mimic natural drainage to more complex engineered components including filter strips, swales, or wet ponds that will convey or store surface water. The CIRIA document C697 'The SUDS Manual' 2007 provides comprehensive advice on initial drainage design assessments and best practice guidance on the planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of SUD systems.

Careful consideration should be given to the design of surface water drainage from brownfield land, particularly where contamination might be expected. SEPA provides guidance in their SUDS Advice Note – 'Brownfield Sites'

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New fully revised
manual released
Nov 2015

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Scottish Planning Policy

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Surface Water Flooding

- Infrastructure and buildings should generally be designed to be free from surface water flooding in rainfall events where the annual probability of occurrence is greater than 0.5% (1:200 years).
- Surface water drainage measures should have a neutral or better effect on the risk of flooding both on and off the site, taking account of rain falling on the site and run-off from adjacent areas.

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Proposed arrangements for SuDS should be adequate for the development and appropriate long-term maintenance arrangements should be put in place.

Questions?



SuDS Guidance

- There are many different pieces of guidance relating to SuDS
- Many from CIRIA along with “The SuDS Manual” on its third version

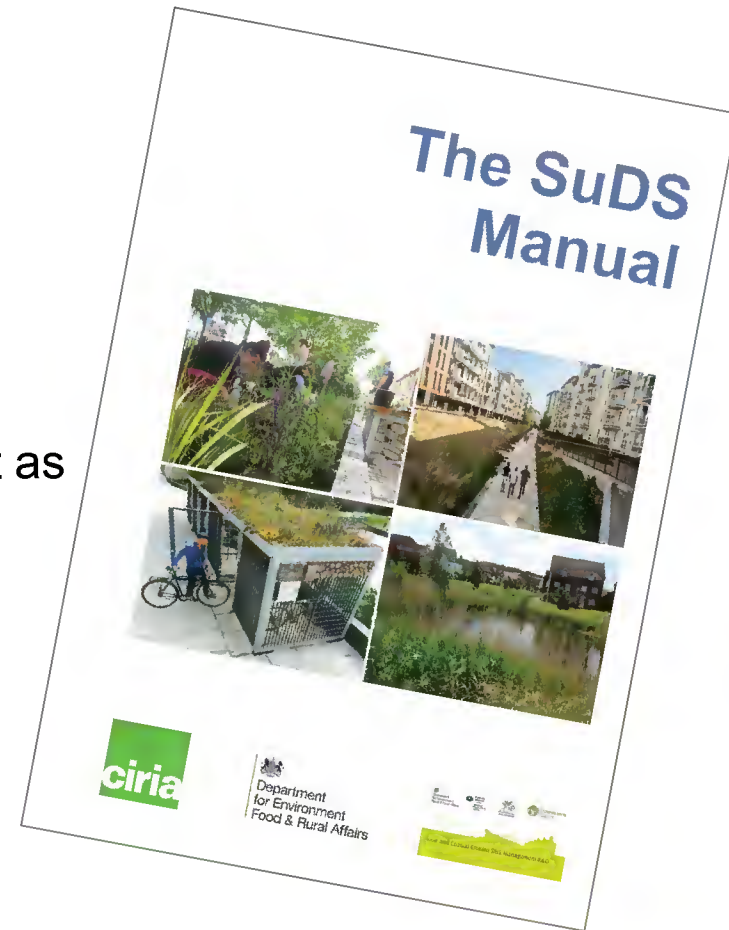


Focus on 4 Recent & Forthcoming Documents

1. The SuDS Manual – C753
– CIRIA, 2015
2. Water Assessment & Drainage Assessment Guide (WADAG)
– SUDSWP (Sustainable Urban Drainage Scottish Working Party), 2016
3. Regulatory Method 08 (RM-08)
– SEPA, to be updated before May 2016
4. Sewers for Scotland 3rd Ed'n
– Scottish Water, 2015

The SuDS Manual 2015 - C753

- Recognised by most as the go-to guide
- SEPA have an expectation that all SuDS installations will be built to this guide
- Full revision and released November 2015
- Very comprehensive at 968 pages!
- “High level” guide
- Probably not a cover to cover read but excellent as reference
- Supersedes older “SuDS Manual” of 2007
- Covers Scottish legislation, policy and best practice, although more emphasis on E&W



SuDS Manual (2015) C753

- Part A
 - Introduction
- Part B
 - Philosophy & Approach
- Part C
 - Applying the Approach
- Part D
 - Technical Detail
 - Includes 13 chapters on different types of SuDS
- Part E
 - Supporting Guidance
 - Hydrology & hydraulics
 - Water Quality
 - Inlets & Outlets
 - Maintenance
 - Etc.



3.8 Filter strips

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Chapter 15

Filter strips

This chapter provides guidance on the design of filter strips – vegetated areas of gently sloping ground designed to drain runoff evenly from impermeable areas, filtering out silt and other particulates.

► Appendix C, Section C.5.4 demonstrates how to design a filter strip for an industrial area

15.1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Filter strips (Figure 15.1) are uniformly graded and gently sloping strips of grass or other dense vegetation that are designed to treat runoff from adjacent impermeable areas by promoting sedimentation, filtration and infiltration (where acceptable).

The runoff is designed to flow as a sheet across the filter strip at sufficiently low velocities that treatment processes can take place effectively. They are often used as either a pre-treatment component before swales, bioretention systems and trenches (to extend the life of these components by capturing sediment) or as a treatment component (where the flow path length across the strip is sufficient).

At low to moderate velocities, filter strips effectively reduce particulate pollutant levels by removing sediments, organic materials and heavy metals. Settling-out of sediment that contains clay particles also removes adsorbed nutrients and other pollutants. Some removal of free soluble pollutants in filter strips is accomplished when pollutants infiltrate into the soil, where they are subsequently taken up by rooted vegetation.

Where infiltration is possible and permitted, its extent tends to be limited during intense storms as only a small proportion of the runoff is lost the 'initial' loss, but where there is some subsoil permeability it will be the dominant mechanism for small rainfall events, and filter strips can therefore contribute effectively to the delivery of interception.



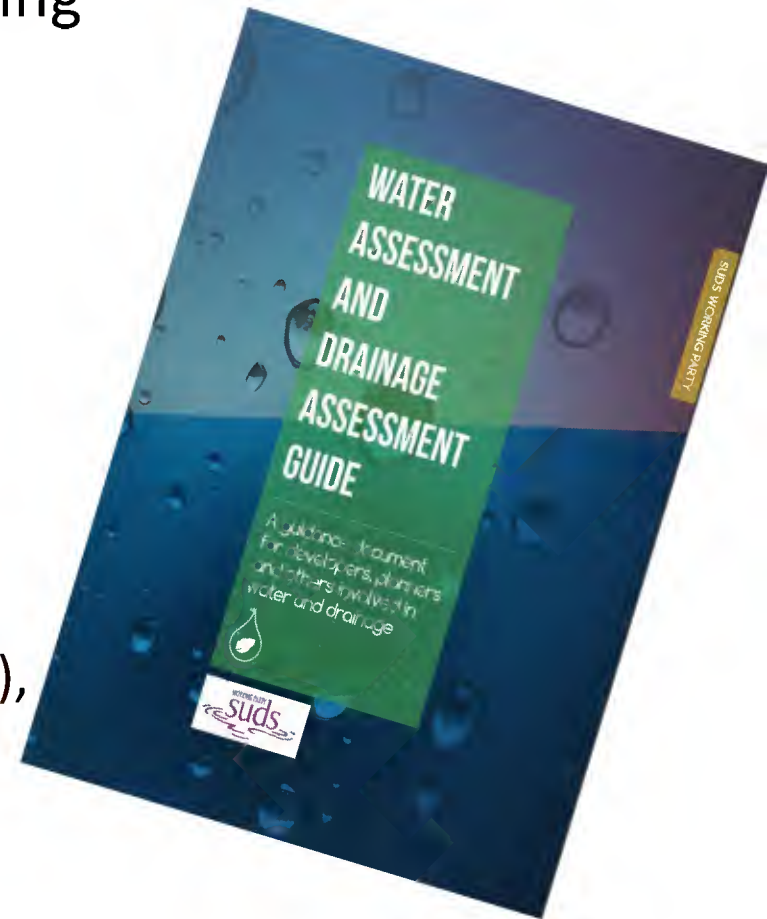
Figure 15.1 Filter strip at motorway service drainage to filter drain. Hapwood country (Brian Young)

The SuDS Manual (2015) - C753

- Can be downloaded from [http://www.ciria.org/Memberships/The SuDs Manual C753 Chapters.aspx](http://www.ciria.org/Memberships/The_SuDs_Manual_C753_Chapters.aspx)
- Registration required, but otherwise free to access
- 2 versions – low resolution and high
- CIRIA operate the “SusDrain” programme

Water Assessment & Drainage Assessment Guide (WADAG)

- Produced by SUDS (Scottish) Working Party (SUDSWP)
- Multi-stakeholder partnership
 - SEPA
 - Scottish Water
 - Scottish Government
 - **Planners**
 - Transport Scotland
 - Flooding
 - **Building Standards**
 - Architects (**RIAS**, LIS), Planners (**HoPS**), Roads (**SCOTS**), Flooding (**SCOTS**), Developers (HfS, Scot Ent), **Building Standards (LABSS)**



WADAG

- Released Jan 2016
- Aimed at developers and planners
- *“...is intended to help guide those involved in the installation of water and drainage infrastructure (both new and retrofitting) through the necessary stages to obtain relevant permissions and comply with standards and policies.”*
- Guidance for gaining the necessary permissions to install water and drainage assets and infrastructure.
- Introduces an expectation “where possible” for first 5mm of rainfall to be contained or infiltrated

4 Roles and Responsibilities

Table 4.2 - Summarising scope and responsibilities for approving authorities continue

Infrastructure Activity	Scope/Responsibility	Approving Authority	Comments and Planning Authority Liaison	
Drainage - Surface Water <i>(not including exceedance conditions)</i> <i>Note: Once completed, all in-curtilage infrastructure is the responsibility of the occupier/owner.</i>	Public	Scottish Water	For drainage (i.e. catchment area) from curtilage, but using infrastructure beyond the curtilage. Also see shared conditions below.	
		Local Authority - Roads Authority	For drainage from public roads, footpaths and other adopted areas of hardstanding/paving. Also see shared conditions below.	
		Transport Scotland	For drainage from trunk roads and motorways.	
	Shared conditions - responsibilities shared between Scottish Water and Roads Authority		Where an agreement is in place to share responsibilities and where runoff drain to the same shared drainage network.	
	Local Authority - Building Standards	SEPA	To obtain building warrant.	
	Private	Local Authority - Building Standards	SEPA	Discharge authorisation. Independent of planning permission. To ensure adequate provisions for installation and to obtain building warrant. Liaison with planning authority and SEPA required.
	Public/private	SEPA	Discharge authorisation is independent of planning permission and building warrant approval. It is also feasible to share private curtilage drainage with road, etc drainage through a local arrangement. Liaison with planning authority required.	

WADAG

- Can be downloaded from https://www.sepa.org.uk/media/163472/water_assessment_and_drainage_assessment_guide.pdf
- Other information about SUDSWP at <https://www.sepa.org.uk/regulations/water/diffuse-pollution/diffuse-pollution-in-the-urban-environment/#Information>

FOREWORD

This document is produced by the Sustainable Urban Drainage Scottish Working Party (SUDSWP): a multi-stakeholder group established to promote the use of sustainable drainage in Scotland.

Members of the SUDSWP represent the following groups

- Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)
- Scottish Water
- The Scottish Government
 - Planning and Architecture Division
 - Building Standards Division
 - Transport Scotland
- Homes for Scotland
- Scottish Enterprise
- Society of Chief Officers for Transportation in Scotland (SCOTS)
- Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland (RIAS)
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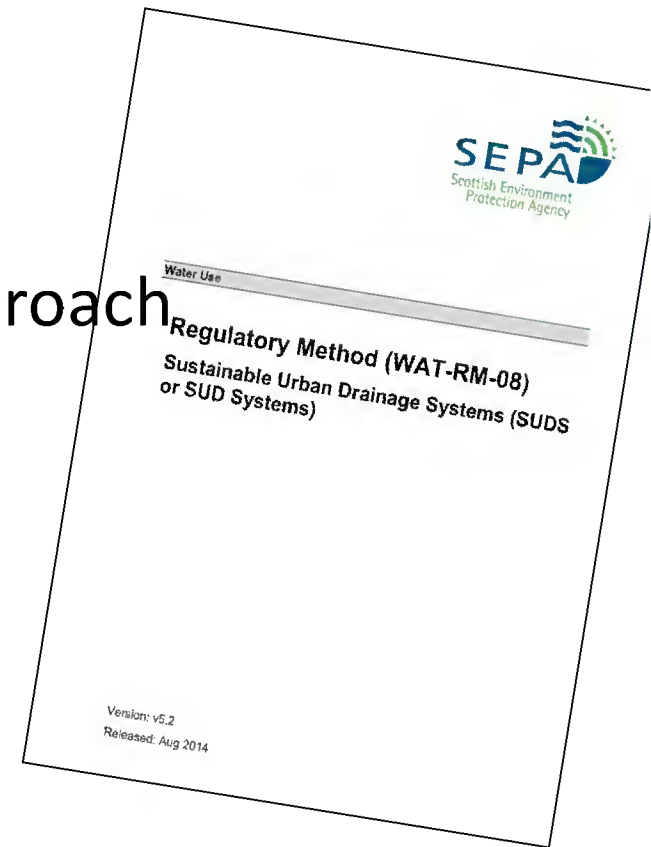
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- Stephen Dunn: Perth and Kinross Council
- Stuart Cullen: Clackmannanshire Council
- Julie Waldron: Landscape Institute, Scotland
- Neil Young: SCOTS Floods Group



Regulatory Method - 08

Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems

- SEPA's guide to their own officers and external applicants
- Emphasis on water quality & pollution
- Current version (Aug 2014) will be updated to accommodate new approach to SuDS provisions
- Will use pollution indices of hazard and mitigation
- More details in final session – Tools



RM-08

- SEPA's standing Advice to local authorities;
 - Expectation from SEPA that CIRIA's SuDS manual will be used
 - Also important to *require* interception of first 5mm, i.e. source control

RM-08

- Can be downloaded from https://www.sepa.org.uk/media/152740/wat_rm_08.pdf
- Transition acceptable through to May '16

Existing Approach

	Number of houses / car park spaces				
Receiving Water Type	<25	25-50	>50-100	100-1000	>1000
Normal sensitivity watercourse	1 level	1 level	2 levels	2 levels	2 levels
Low sensitivity watercourse	1 level	1 level	1 level	2 levels	2 levels
Transitional waters	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Section 4.5
Coastal waters	None	None	None	None	Section 4.5
GBR applies	Standing planning advice Local Authority checks source control design				
GBR applies	SEPA provides site-specific planning advice LA checks source control design				
GBR applies	SEPA provides site-specific planning advice LA checks source control design, Scottish Water checks pond/basin design if Sewers for Scotland 2				
Licence required	SEPA provides site-specific planning advice LA, Scottish Water, SEPA may check design				

New Approach

Table 26.3 Indicative SuDS mitigation indices for discharges to surface waters			
Type of SuDS component	Mitigation indices ⁽¹⁾		
	TSS	Metals	Hydro-carbons
filter strip	0.4	0.4	0.5
filter trench	0.4 ⁽²⁾	0.4	0.4
swale	0.5	0.6	0.6
bioretention system	0.8	0.8	0.8
permeable pavement	0.7	0.6	0.7
detention basin	0.5	0.5	0.6
pond ⁽⁴⁾	0.7 ⁽³⁾	0.7	0.5
wetland	0.8 ⁽³⁾	0.8	0.8
proprietary treatment systems ^(5,6)	These must demonstrate that they can address each of the contaminant types to acceptable levels for frequent events up to approximately the 1 in 1 year return period event, for inflow concentrations relevant to the contributing drainage area.		

Sewers for Scotland (S4S) - 3rd Edition

- Scottish Water will vest (adopt) SuDS if built to their standards
- 3rd edition is now mandatory standards
- Standards are detailed in S4S
- Fairly strict about vesting new SuDS!

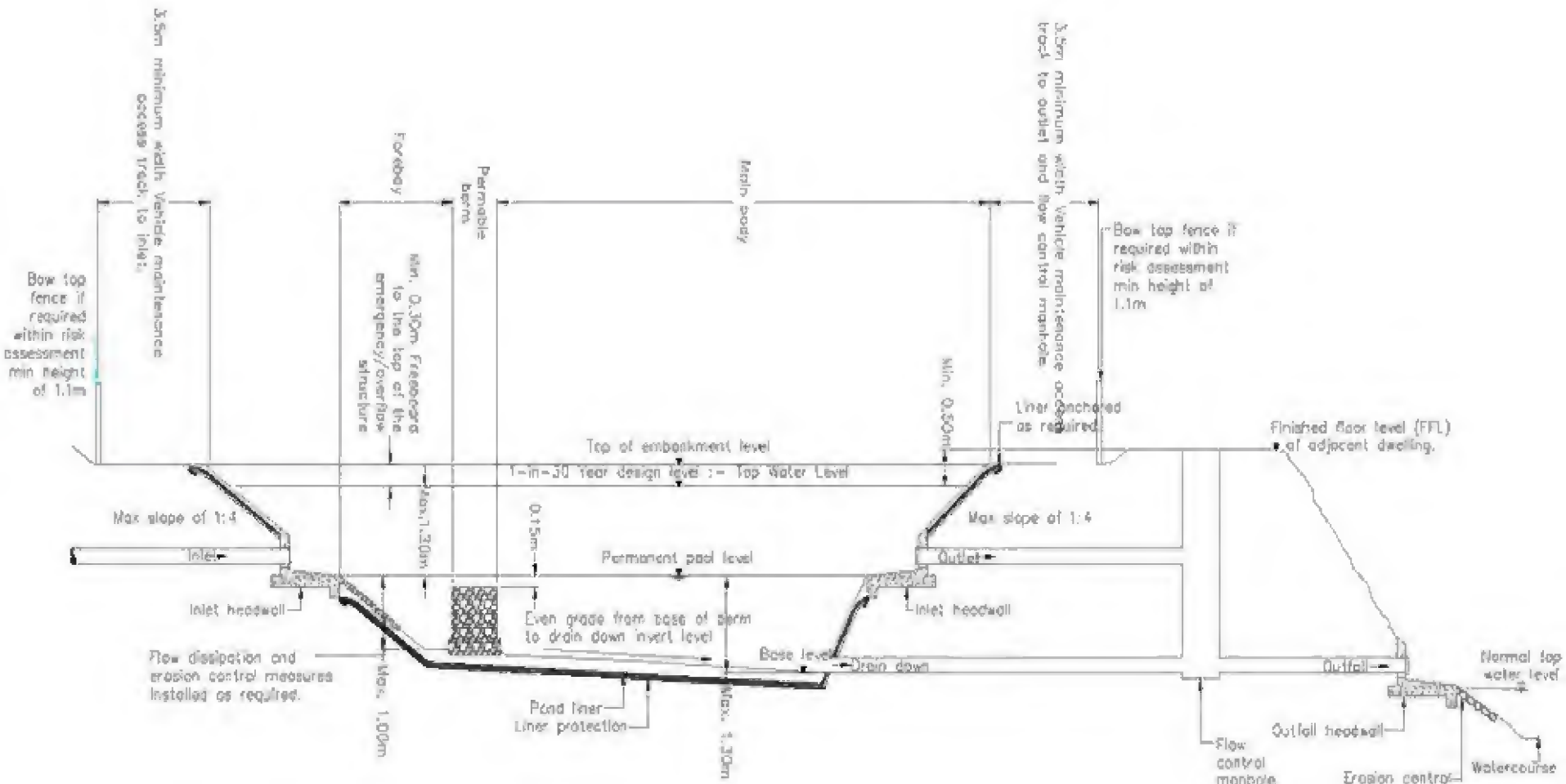


Sewers for Scotland 3

- Presently Scot Wat will only vest;
 - Ponds 😊
 - Basins 😊
 - Underground storage ☹️
- “Waiver” required if alteration from standards
- Sewers for Scotland 4th (3a?) Ed’n is already drafted
 - Likely to be more flexible and may contain further end-of-pipe arrangements

S4S3

Example section through pond



Any questions?

Some Details

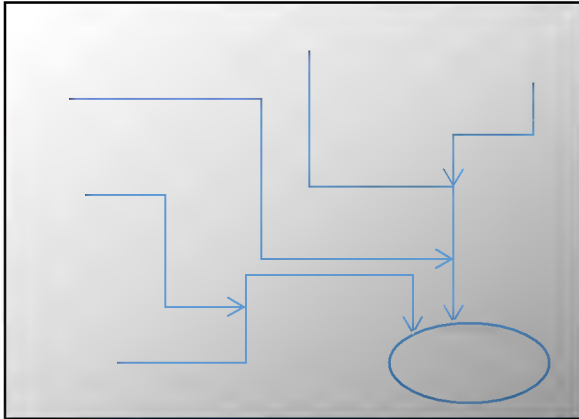
- The Importance of Source Control
- Green roofs
- the “5m Rule”
- other options



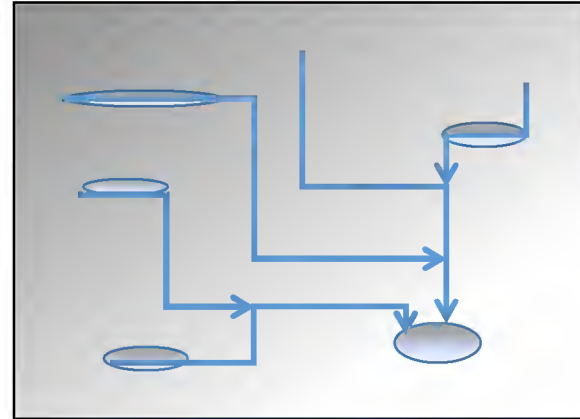
Source Control

- Better to manage runoff where it lands than to gather it at a downstream location where hydraulic loads and pollutants are more concentrated.

Collect over catchment (End of pipe)



Manage at Source



What is a Green Roof?

Green roofs, or vegetated roofs, or living roofs are systems that are essentially roofs with vegetation placed upon them in a way to provide benefits. The installation of a green roof may be for various reasons and will almost always provide a suite of additional benefits.

The 2 main categories of roof are;

- **Extensive** green roof – thin growing layer and low maintenance; most commonly sedum mat system
- **Intensive** green roof – deep growing layer and generally more managed and higher amenity with larger plants including trees; a park on the roof

Green Roof Types

**Extensive;
Glenco**

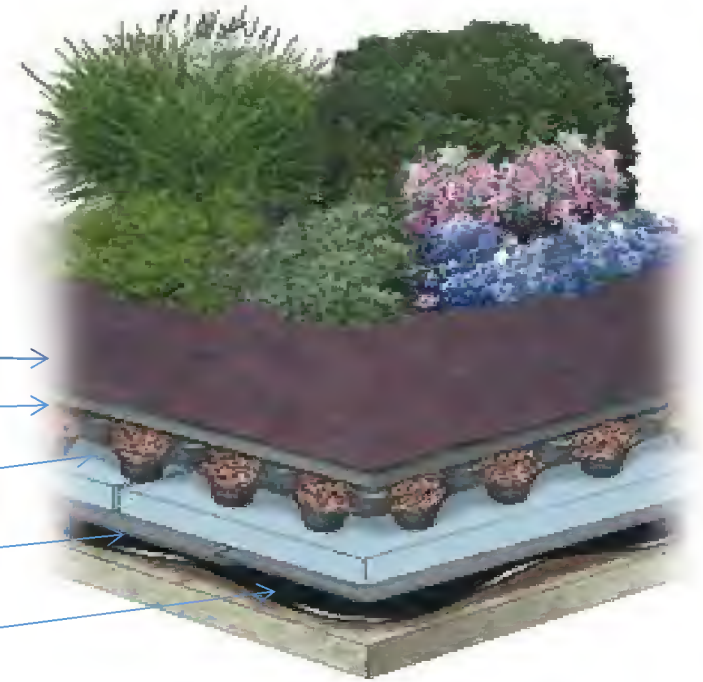


**Intensive;
Scottish Parliament**



What you don't see...

- Typically a green roof will have discrete layers between roofing surface and vegetation;
 - Substrate
 - Geotextile
 - Water Storage
 - Root Barrier
 - Waterproofing



Why provide Green Roofs?

Benefits include (in no particular order);

- Climate change & adaptation
- General environmental, economic & social benefits
- **Flood mitigation**
- Water quality improvements
- Health and well being
- Habitat & Biodiversity
- Air quality improvements
- Building thermal efficiency
- Reduced whole life cost
- Noise reduction
- Urban heat island effect reduction

*A green “Barrel” roof,
Duff Street, Edinburgh*



Habitat & Biodiversity

- Changing climate will see species become more threatened
- New buildings in green field sites will remove habitat – green roofs can be used to replace this loss
- Green roofs can provide important, undisturbed refuges for wildlife – Swiss and UK studies have shown rare invertebrate populations within green roofs.

North American Studies

- Toronto Study

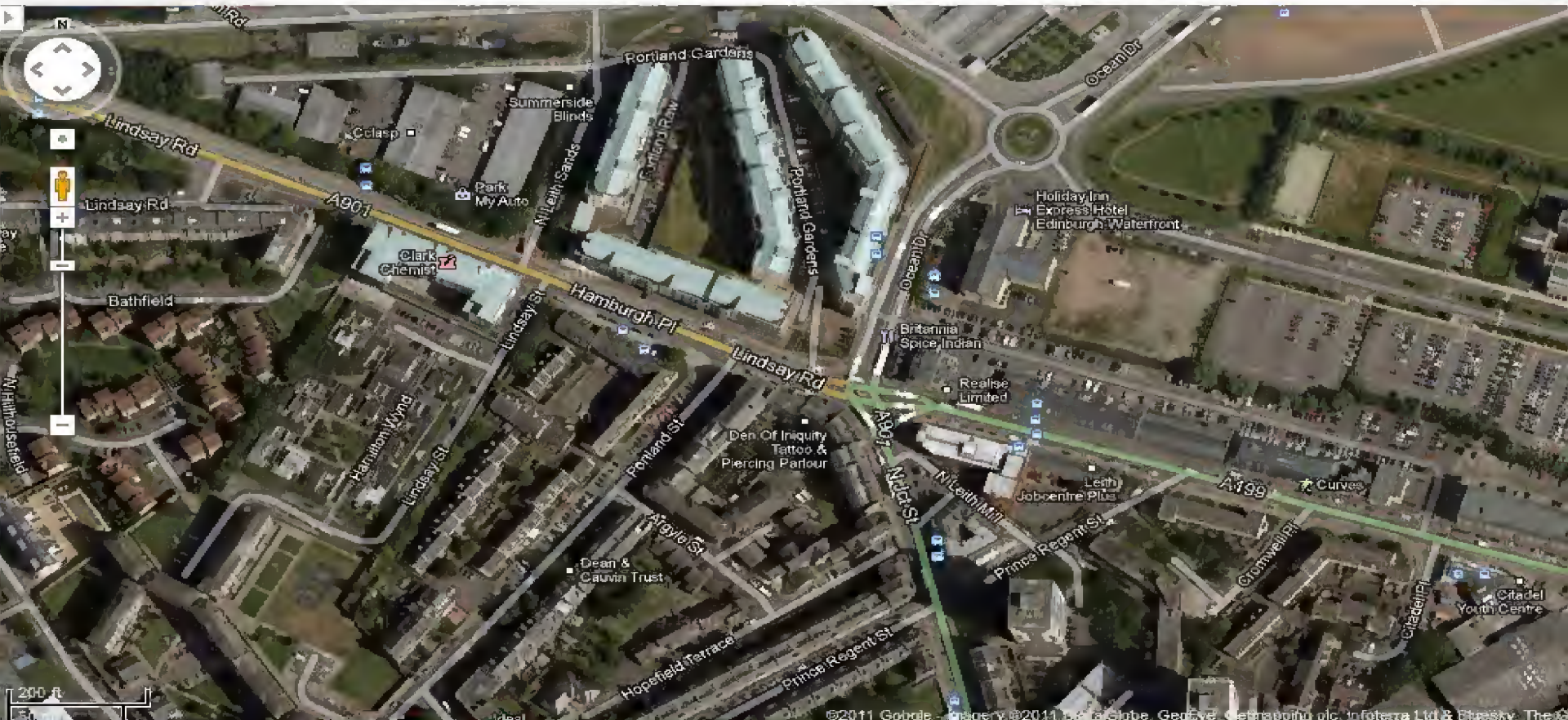
- If green roofs were installed on roofs greater than 350 m² in size
- Would cover at least 75% of the roof area
- Energy savings from air conditioning \$21m
- 4.15kWh/m²

- Chicago Study

- City wide green roofing would save the equivalent of a small nuclear power station



Leith – Spot the Green Roof?



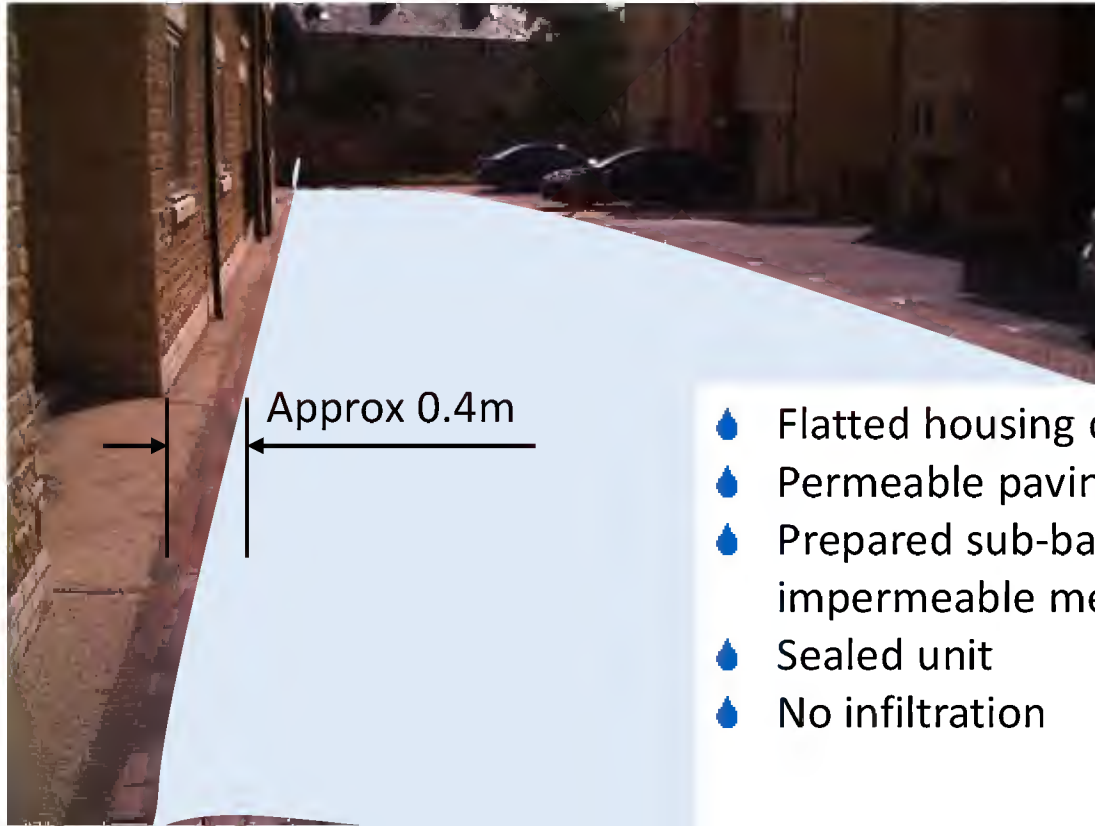


Portland Gardens, Leith



Discussion

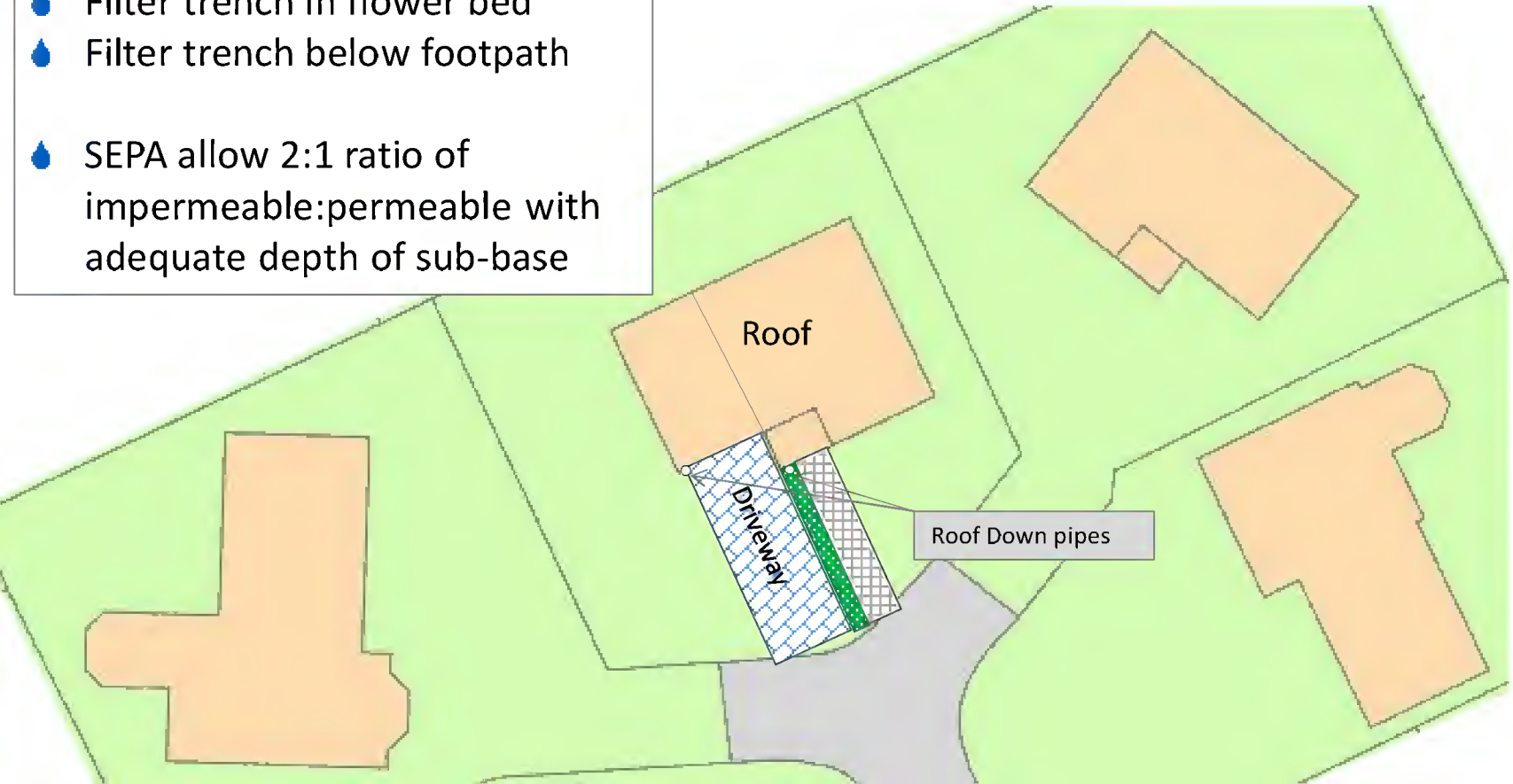
The 5 metre Rule - “Deem to Satisfy”



- 💧 Flatted housing development
- 💧 Permeable paving in shared surfaces
- 💧 Prepared sub-base is wrapped in impermeable membrane
- 💧 Sealed unit
- 💧 No infiltration

Roof drains to;

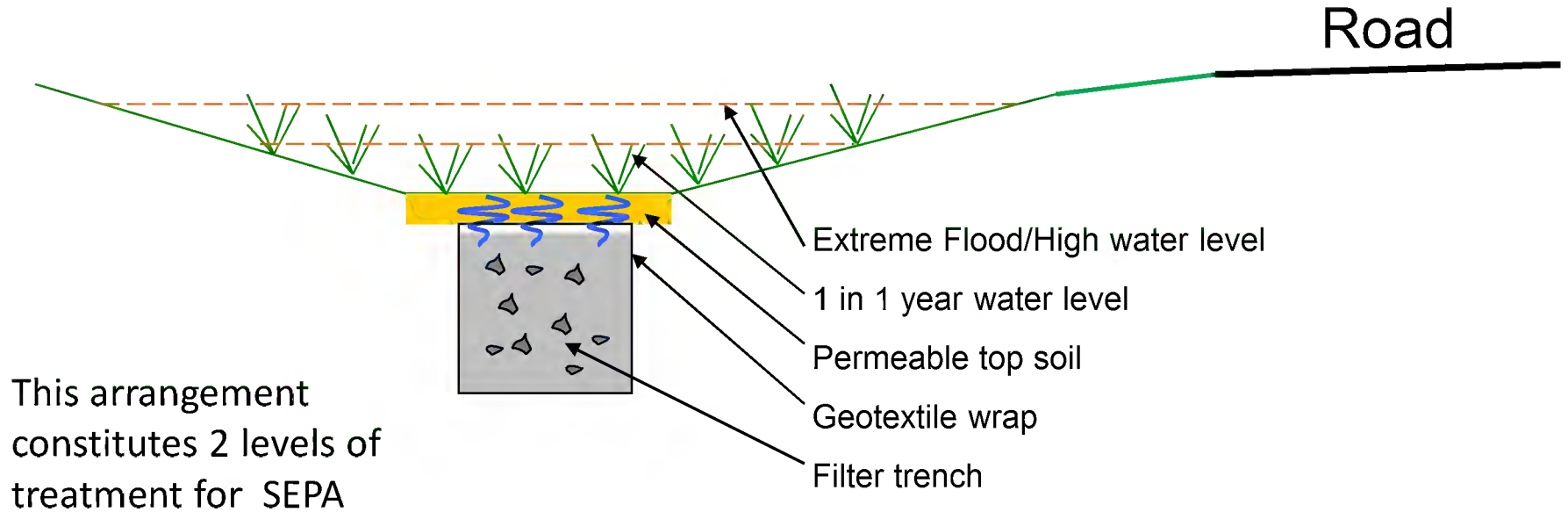
- Permeable paving in drive
- Filter trench in flower bed
- Filter trench below footpath
- SEPA allow 2:1 ratio of impermeable:permeable with adequate depth of sub-base



Soakaways & Perm Paving

- It is quite acceptable to have permeable paving adjacent to buildings – same as grassed area/garden next to building
- Not acceptable to take large area of surface drainage to a small location immediately adjacent to buildings
- Fact Sheet by geo-tech engineer;
http://www.susdrain.org/files/resources/fact_sheets/09_12_fact_sheet_suds_close_to_buildings.pdf

Cross Section of an "Underdrained" or Dry Swale



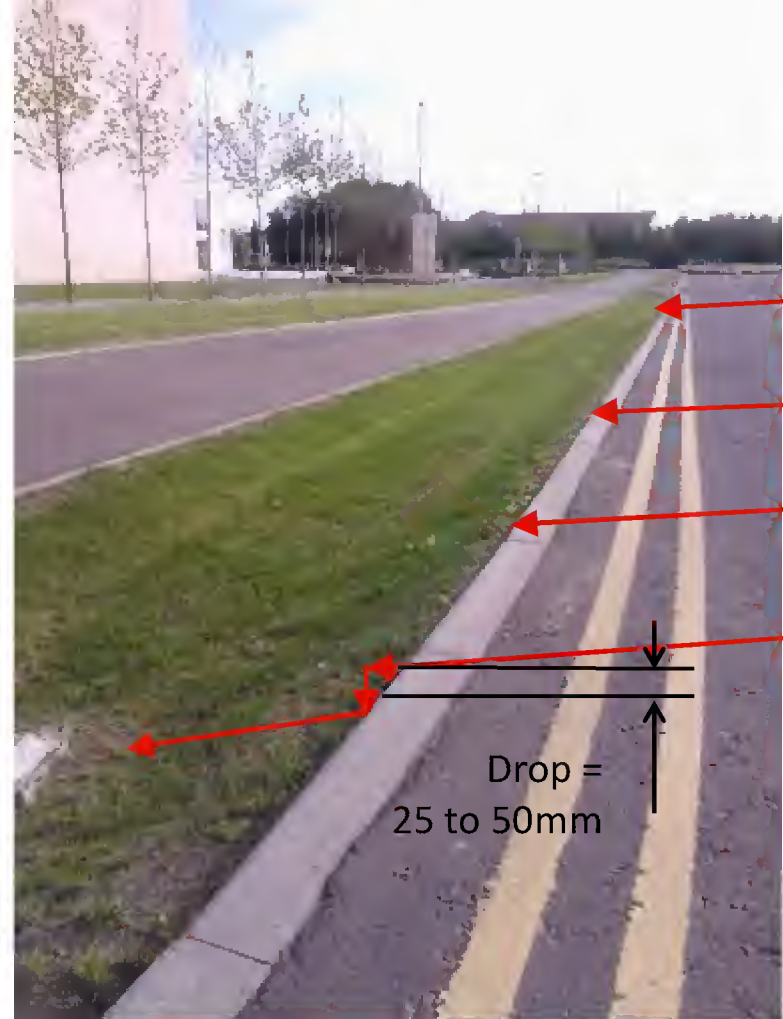
Swales don't have to
be straight or flat

Swale in flatted development



Allow for New Growth

- To allow for lateral flow into the swale there must be a drop or at least level from road.
- Newly established grass will “bulk-up” as it matures and fills the swale, so allow for this in the design.



Don't put loose soils above permeable surfaces

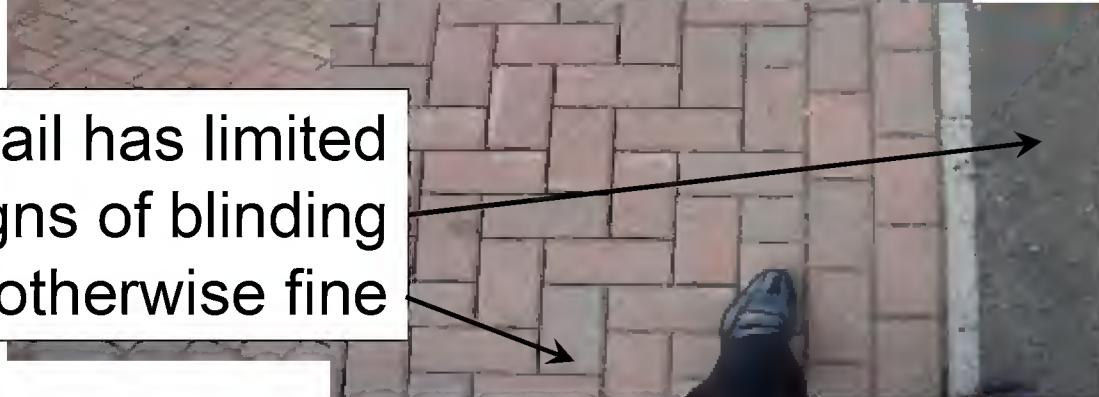


SEPA Edinburgh Office Car Park

Around 10 years with no maintenance on paving



**Occasional landscaping
overspill – no impact on
hydraulic function**



**Edge detail has limited
signs of blinding
but otherwise fine**

SUDS Vs Conventional



Dingwall - Porous Tarmac





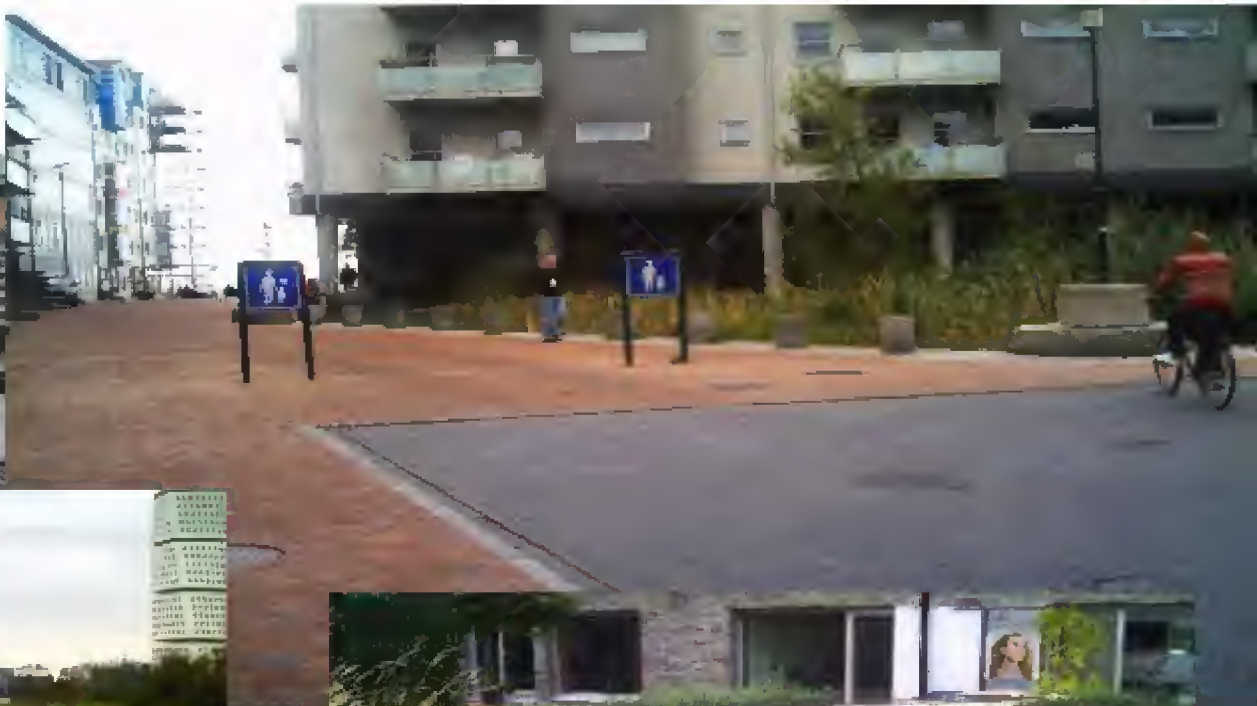
Headwalls – why?

- Headwalls are constructed as standard in many cases
 - Often there is no need
 - Expensive
 - Unsightly
 - Unsafe..?
-
- Alternative is a mitred or chamfered pipe profiled to meet the bank slope

Mitred or chamfered inlets



Western Harbour, Malmo



Questions?

What We Don't Want, What to look out for & Use of Proprietary Products

Neil McLean

Some Examples of What Doesn't Work

Basins;

Early examples

“Bomb-craters”? ☹️

Muddy floors



Bad example - Livingstone Swale

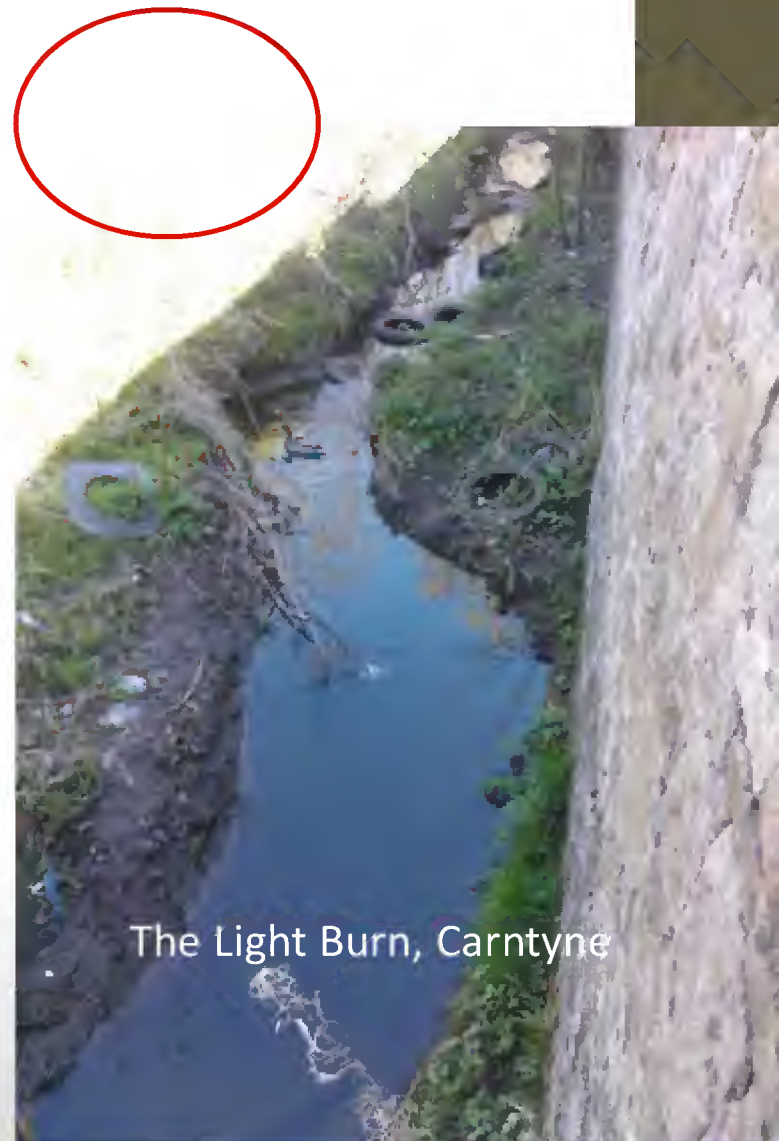


Construction runoff into swale.
Developer had to clear and re-instate

Details , Details.



Need to have a Firm Stance



Upton, Northampton

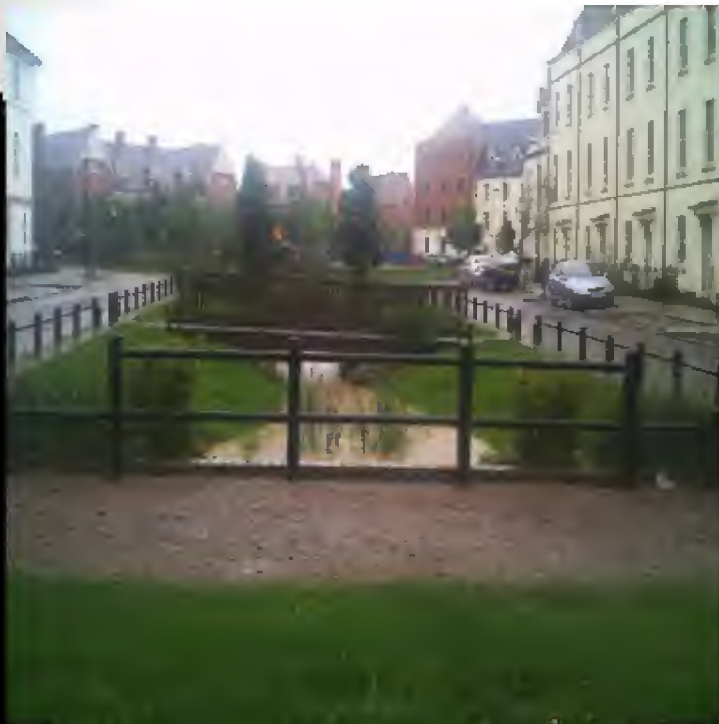
...on a sunny day!



Upton, Northampton

...in wetter weather

- Network of swales and green space, which look good ...



Network of swales and green space but
uses gullies before swales forcing a
greater depth of swale



Blocked gully



Proprietary Products

Extract from SEPA's Regulatory Method - 08;

S7.2.1

“Increasingly sophisticated proprietary systems are being developed for use to treat runoff from the completed phase of a development. In recognition of this, SEPA has agreed that there may be specific situations where proprietary systems would constitute a level of SUDS, as explained in section 7.2.2 below.

It should be emphasised however that SEPA's general position is that conventional SUDS will be required for the majority of developments.”

What are Proprietary Products?

Generic terms

- Permeable paving
- Hydrodynamic vortex separators
 - Vortex flow control
- Geocellular modules
 - Oil separators
 - Offlet kerbs
- Filtration systems
 - Contraptions
 - Devices

Proprietary products

- Formpave
- Downstream defender
- Hydro-brake
- Stormcell
- Klargester?
- Beanie block
- Upflow filter
- Contraptions
- Devices

Permeable Block Paving

Various block paving manufacturers and related permeable block paving;

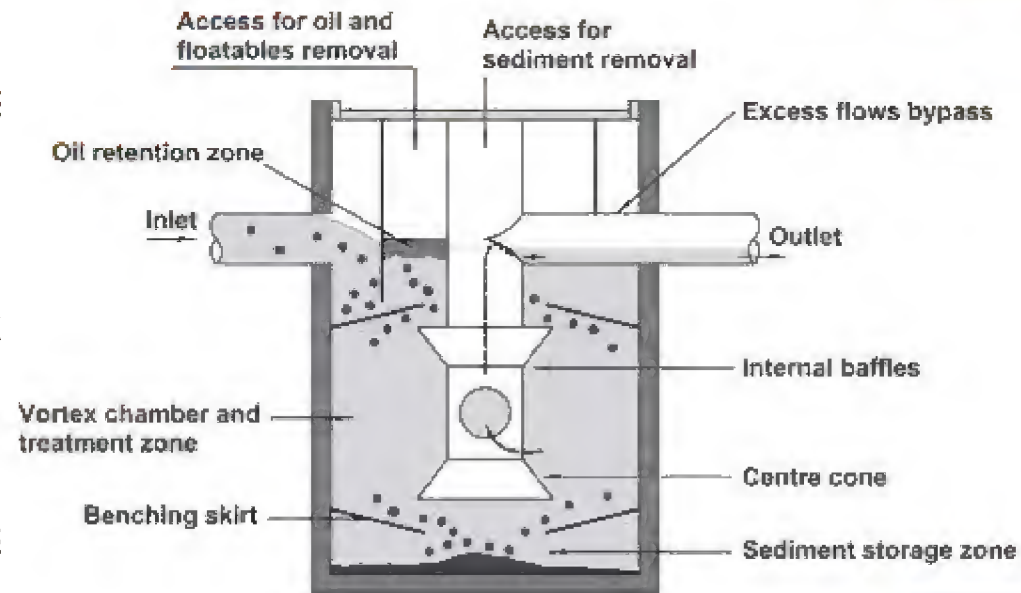
- Hanson Formpave – *Aqua flow*
- Marshalls - *Priora*
- Aggregate Industries - *Infilta*
- Tobermore - *Hydropave*



Hydrodynamic/Vortex Separators

Considered as pre-treatment

- Hydraulic device – no moving parts
- Water enters;
 - Floatables are retained
 - Some sediment is captured – sink floor
- Cleaner water is discharged
- Gulley sucker to remove sediments
- “**Downstream Defender**”[©] is a trade name and should not be used as this may show preference

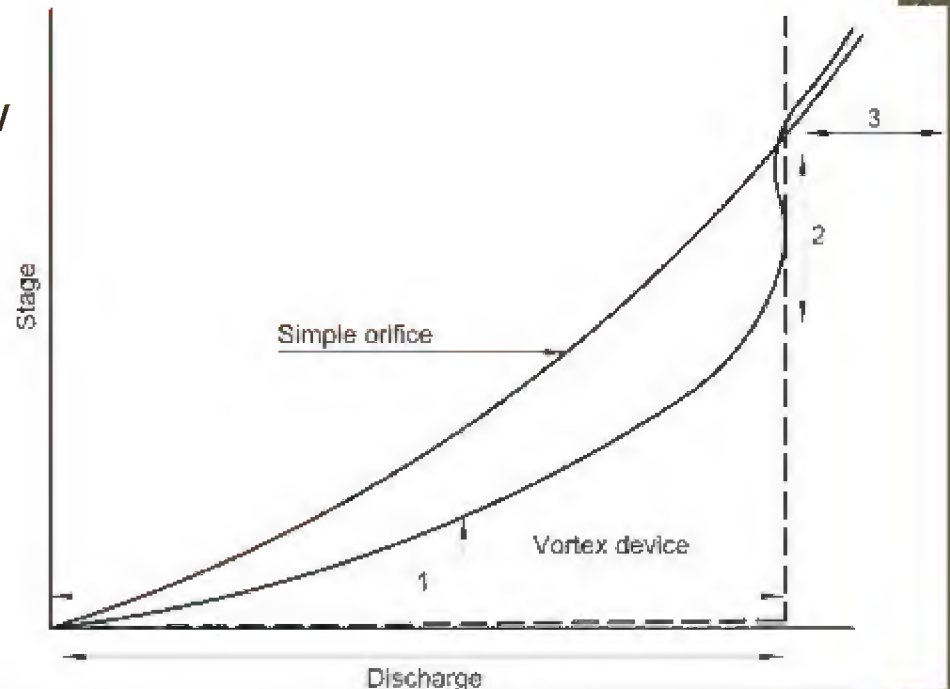


Extract from CIRIA C697 SUDS Manual

Vortex Flow Control

Hydraulic control only – not SUDS

- A hydraulic throttle to control flow discharge
- No moving parts
- Much better than orifice plate (hole in the wall)
- Good control of reasonably fixed flow over a range of depths



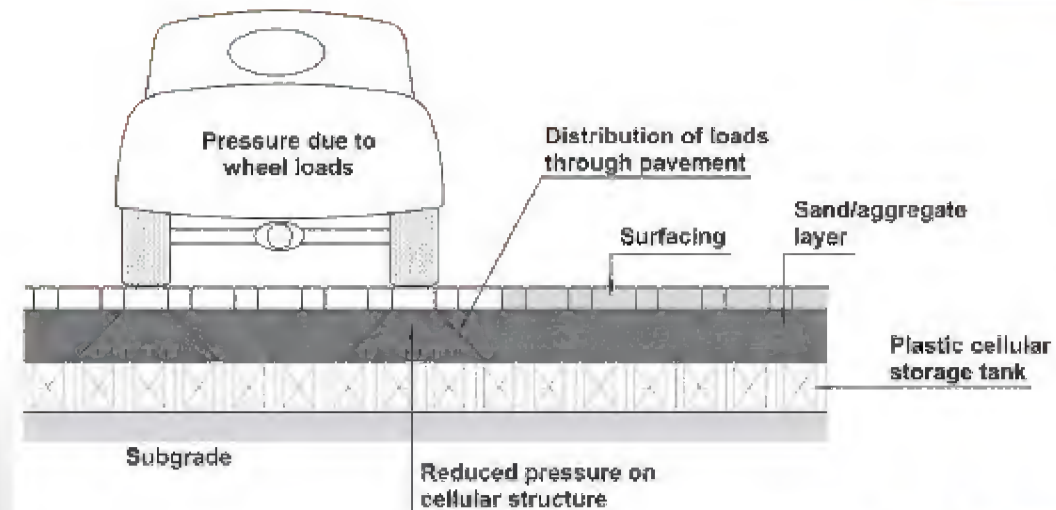
HydroBrake[©]

Extract from CIRIA C697 SUDS Manual

Geocellular Modules

Underground storage

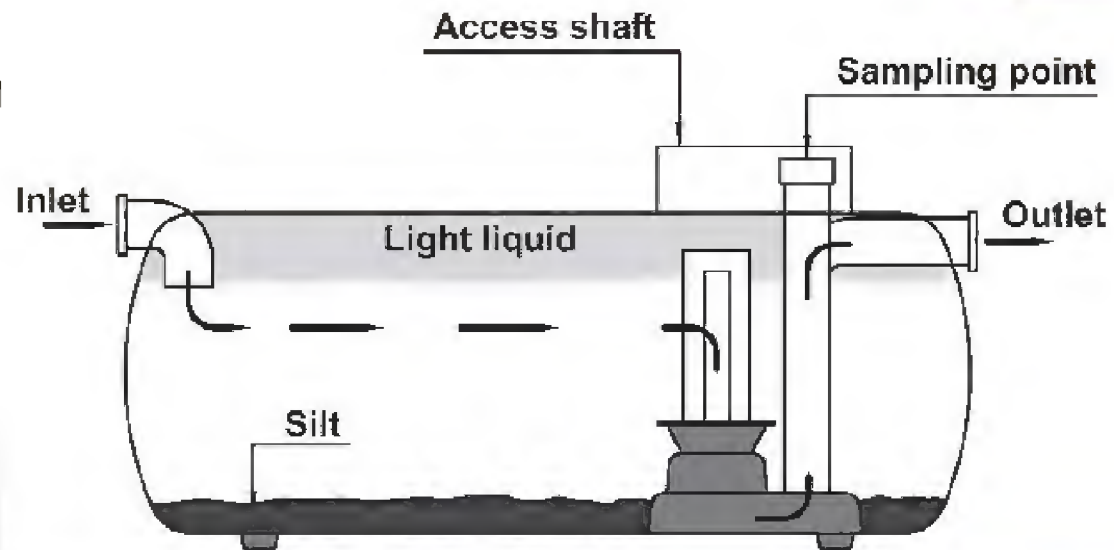
- Plastic crates placed underground
- High voids; 95 – 97% void
- Many manufacturers with varying strengths and load bearing capacity
- Past structural failures have caused caution
- No treatment, but excellent for flood storage where land is limited
- Stormcell[®]
- Hydrovoid[®]
- Skeletank[®]



Oil Separators

Pre-Treatment

- Often wrongly suggested as SUDS
- May be used as pre-treatment for high risk sites to protect downstream assets; ponds, basins, etc.
- Needs regular maintenance
- No flow attenuation
- No amenity/biodiversity



Extract from CIRIA C697 SUDS Manual

Filtration Systems

- Many different types and configurations
- Some have a mixture of filtering media
 - Coconut husk
 - Volcanic ash – pumice
 - Hydrophobic
 - Oil binding characteristics
- Professional certification is a good indicator of “real” performance



Offlet Kerbs

Hydraulic function – not SUDS

- A means of capturing road runoff and conveying within the kerb or occasionally through the kerb to a swale behind
- Offlet
- Inlet
- **Beanie Block©**
- **Hydrokerb©**



Others; “Contraptions & Devices”

CAUTION; Please be very careful when considering other devices and contraptions

- Manufacturers have jumped on the SUDS bandwagon
- Many claims that are not always completely true
- Not often adequately tested
- Testing should be performed by an independent credible and recognised party;
 - Professional lab
 - Researcher
 - Academic
- Innovation should be encouraged, but not at risk to the environment
- Certification is expensive and smaller groups may not afford

Beware of Gullies

- Especially if you have a young family....
of ducklings



QUESTIONS?

Case Studies

The "IGI Approach" and "Essential" Infrastructure

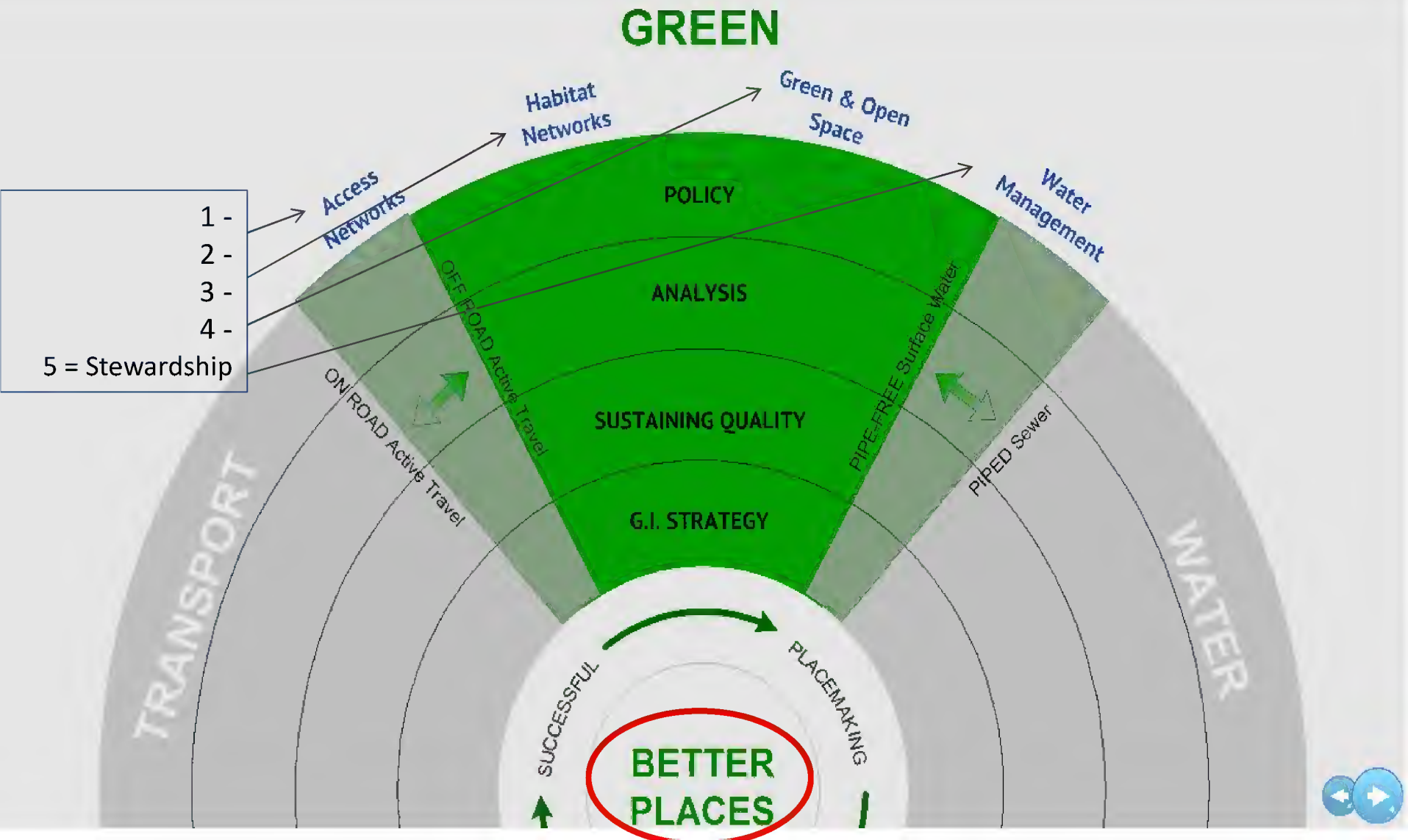


The "IGI Approach"



The "IGI Approach"

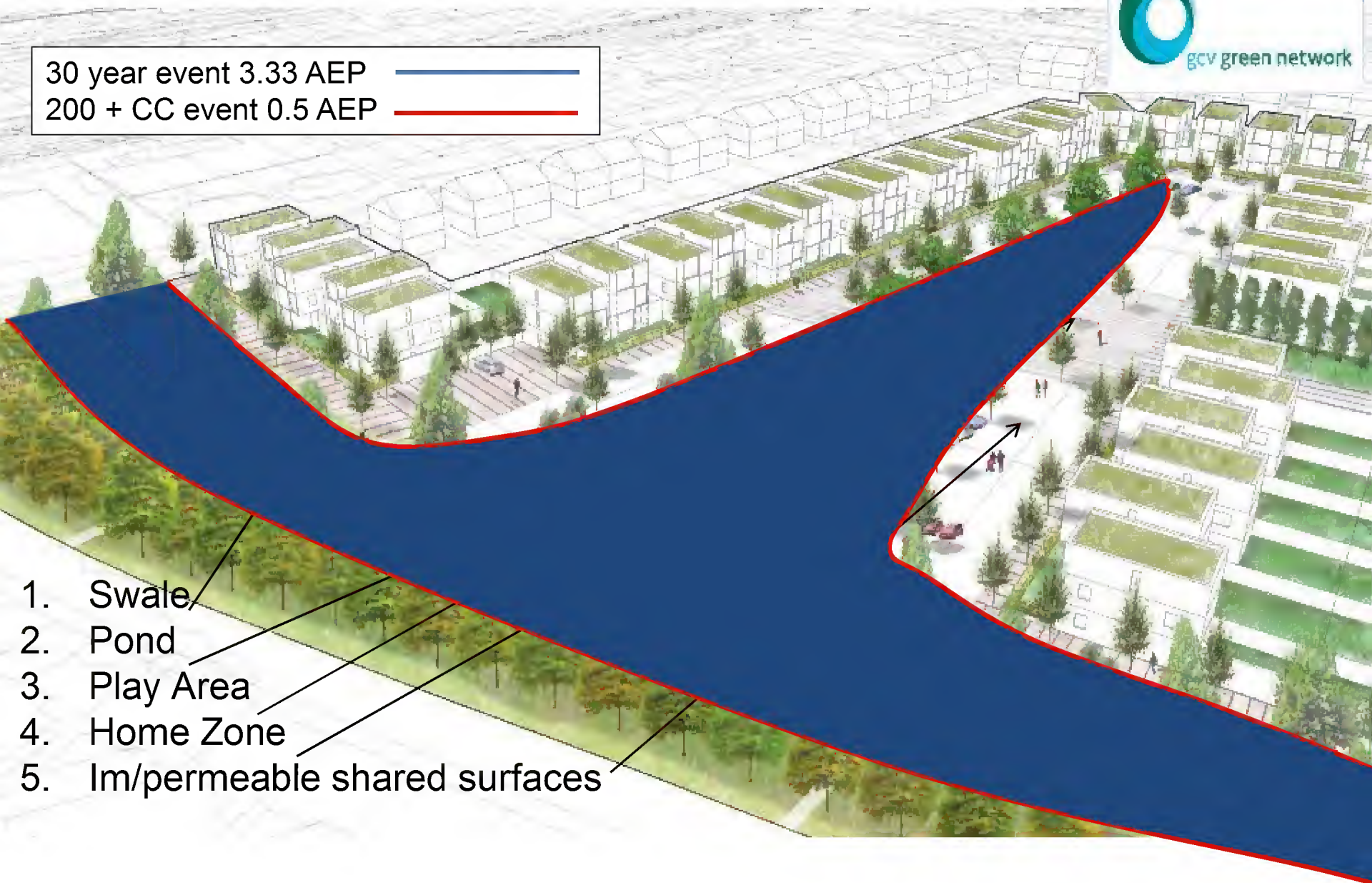
4 of the 5 Elements of IGI



Newfield Square/Craigban



30 year event 3.33 AEP ————
200 + CC event 0.5 AEP ————



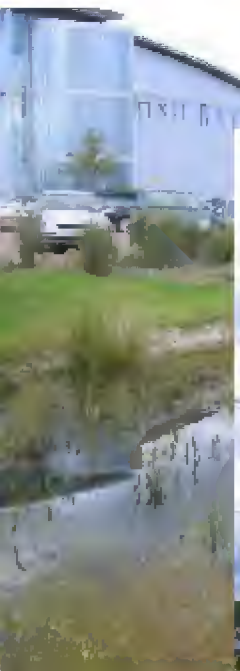
1. Swale
2. Pond
3. Play Area
4. Home Zone
5. Im/permeable shared surfaces

Upton, Northampton

...on a sunny day!



The “Pipe-Free” System – J4M8





A selling point?

- Capable of adding up to 20% to the value of your house?
- Requires good design
- Importantly good construction

Bring your furniture & move into this spacious 4 bedroom Detached (Nairn) Family Villa in the new & sought-after Forth Ridge development by Bellway Homes. Enclosed 6ft foot decor wall around 3/4 of the garden. Drive-in. Garage. Comprises: vestibule, lounge/dining room (French doors), fitted kitchen, utility, cloaks/WC, master bedroom (en-suite), 3 further double bedrooms & bathroom. DG. GH. Alarm. Early entry available.

OFFER OVER £184,000

The SuDS Life-Cycle

Building Control or Scottish Water

Question;

1. Will SuDS be vested (adopted) by Scottish Water?

If yes, *Building Standards Surveyors still* have a part to play – any in-curtilage drainage forming part of the overall design still needs to be checked by Building Standards.

If no, Building Standards will be the checking and approving body regardless of final adopting arrangement (local authority, Factor, developer)

Quote from SBS

“Like all other aspects of building warrant approval and completion certificate acceptance, it is the Building Standards Surveyors, not some third party that ultimately has responsibility for the adequacy of the design and construction of the [SuDS] installation.”

SBSD - “Legacy” SuDS

- Around 1500 un-adopted SuDS in Scotland
- Currently the *Building (Scotland) Act 2003* excludes buildings where “any sewer or water main which is, **or is to be**, vested in Scottish Water”, but it is likely that this will change and that BS will become responsible.
- Need for robust understanding of SuDS design and construction, either directly or through an agent.

Sewers for Scotland – 3rd Edition

- Design guide for developers
- Build to these standards and Scottish Water will adopt – in theory...
- Contains a chapter on SuDS
- First in UK through S4S2 2007
- Only Ponds, Basins & Underground Storage
- Fairly strict details required
- Any guesses how many SuDS Scot Water have adopted since 2007?

Scottish Water Vested Pond DEX – Dunfermline East Expansion



The Same Pond Today



Maintenance

Long-term Maintenance

Example of Maintenance Schedule and Considerations

See file;

[Example Maint Schedule - Colquhoun Square Swale](#)

Maintenance Schedule

The swale design is simple and will require basic and straightforward maintenance. It is intended that all maintenance will be performed by responsible authority personnel or appointed agent/s. The following is a schedule of necessary maintenance for the continuing efficient service of the swale.

Maintenance Schedule	Required Action	Frequency
Inspections & checks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspect inlet and outlet for blockages and clear as required • Inspect inlet for signs of erosion and repair as necessary • Inspect hydraulic throttle for normal operation including bypass arrangement • Inspect swale for contamination and repair as required • Inspect swale floor for standing water and remediate as required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly/ as required • Monthly/ as required • Monthly/ as required • Monthly/ as required • Monthly/ as required
Regular maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter and debris removal • Grass cutting*; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mowing banks ○ Strimming swale floor to maintain grass height to 100 – 150 mm • Manage other vegetation and remove nuisance plants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *All grass cuttings must be removed from the swale to eliminate blockages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly • Monthly during growing season • Monthly for first year, then as required
Occasional maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-seed areas of sparse vegetation or where nuisance vegetation has been removed • Remove build-up of sediment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annually for first three years at the beginning of the growing season, then as required • As required
Remedial actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace or repair damaged turf • Repair erosion on side slopes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As required • As required

Maintenance Schedule	Required Action	Date											
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Inspections & checks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inspect inlet and outlet for blockages and clear as required Inspect inlet for signs of erosion and repair as necessary Inspect Hydro-Brake for normal operation including bypass arrangement Inspect swale for contamination and repair as required Inspect swale floor for standing water and remediate as required 												
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Return Periods

- Return period relates event to time using statistics
e.g. 50YRP= 50 Year Return Period
 - = 2% AEP
 - = 2% Annual Exceedence Percentage
 - = 50:1 chance of that event occurring in any year
- Rainfall & river return periods are different
50 rainfall YRP \neq 50 river YRP
- Unlike river flow return period, rainfall includes duration e.g. M5-60 Storm;
 - 60 minute rainfall storm with 5 year return period
- Varies according to location;
typically 12mm to 18mm for Scotland

Rainfall – Critical Storm

- Run various durations 15 min, 1 hour, 2 hour, etc.
- Significant short storms are heavier/more intense;
 5mm in 15 mins → 20mm/hour intensity
- Longer storms are less intense;
 30 mm in 2 hours → 15mm/hour intensity
- Determine critical storm

Rainfall – Critical Storm ⁽²⁾

Duration (mins)	M5- (mm)	M100 (mm)	Intensity (mm/hr)	Flow (l/sec/Ha)	Outlet control (l/sec)	Volume Req'd (m ³)
30	12.6	24.8	49.6	77.0	5.25	129.2
60	16.6	32.7	32.7	50.6	5.25	163.3
120	21.2	41.7	20.8	32.3	5.25	194.6
240	27.6	51.8	12.9	20.1	5.25	213.4
360	32.4	59.2	9.9	15.3	5.25	217.1
600	38.5	69.3	6.9	10.7	5.25	197.8

Capex & Opex Tool

- SuDS for Roads Whole Life Cost Tool
- See next presentation

SuDS Tools



Roads, BeST and Simple

- Basic
 - SuDS for Roads Whole Life (and Carbon) Cost Tool
 - Over-run from S4Rds Project
 - 2010'ish
- BeST – Benefits from SuDS Tool
 - CIRIA
 - 2015
- SIA – Simple Index Assessment
 - SEPA
 - 2016

SuDS4ds - Whole Life Cost Tool

- Provides good indicative costs for SuDS
- Easy to learn and apply
- Useful carbon module as integrated benefit
- Not all SuDS – it's for roads, so no green roofs for example!

- Available at;
<http://www.scotsnet.org.uk/best-practice.php>

SUDS4Rds – WLC

Provides Indicative Costs for Various SuDS throughout life cycle

SuDS4RDs WLC Tool

The screenshot displays the 'SuDS4RDs WLC Tool' spreadsheet. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Home, Insert, Page Layout, Formulas, Data, Review, View) and a security warning. The spreadsheet is organized into sections: 'General data', 'Project Overview', 'Supporting financial information', and 'Assumptions'. The 'Project Overview' section contains a table with the following data:

Field	Value
Project name	Svenbyde Loch
Project description	Stage Pond
Location	Bethel
Location type	Other
Date	18th Sept 2013
Column number	1

The 'Supporting financial information' section contains a table with the following data:

Field	Value
No. years for analysis	70
Discount rate - 0.30 yrs (%)	7.5%
Discount rate - 31-75 yrs (%)	7.0%
Discount rate - 76-120 yrs (%)	6.5%
Are land costs to be included?	No
Estimated land costs of (€/m ²)	
Land area of project (m ²)	
Estimated land costs for SuDS	€
Are easement costs to be included in the analysis?	No
Estimated annual easement costs (€)	
Planning and design costs (as % of construction costs)	5%
Do you want operation and maintenance to start on the same year as construction (year 0)?	Yes

The 'Assumptions' section contains the following text:

Assumptions

This is for reference only - it is not used in the whole life cost analysis.

Assumptions

Includes of 70 years

This is the Green Book's recommended discount rates

Cost for both area, throughout life of analysis

Typically planning and design costs (for drainage) are calculated as a % of total construction costs. 3-5% is recommended for highways contracts, 5-10% is recommended for developments. For larger developments this % may be expected to go lower.

If the user selects no the tool will assume maintenance will commence in year 1 (NB year 0 is the construction year)

The spreadsheet also shows a navigation bar at the bottom with tabs: Introduction, Step-by-step guide, General, Ponds, Basins, Results, Results Tables, Carbon Results, Carbon Graphs, Yearly Data.

Simple Index Assessment Tool

For Water Environment Quality & Protection

- SEPA Tool to assess adequate SuDS measures for water quality
- Basic scoring approach for hazard
- Countered by SuDS provisions

- Can be downloaded at;

http://www.susdrain.org/resources/SuDS_Manual.html

Designing for Water Quality - Simple Index Approach

- Land use defines **Pollution Hazard Index**
- Different SUDS have differing potentials to reduce different pollutants
- SuDS provide **Mitigation index**
- CIRIA/HRWallingford has developed an Excel tool to assist with the assessment

Table 26.2 Pollution hazard indices for different land use classifications

Land use	Pollution hazard level	Total suspended solids (TSS)	Metals	Hydrocarbons
Residential roofs	very low	0.2	0.2	0.05
Other roofs (typically commercial/industrial roofs)	low	0.3	0.2 (up to 0.8 where there is potential for metals to leach from the roof)	0.05
Individual property driveways, residential car parks, low traffic roads (eg cul de sacs, homezones and general access roads) and non-residential car parking with infrequent change (eg schools, offices) ie <300 traffic movements/day	low	0.5	0.4	0.4
Commercial yard and delivery areas, non-residential car parking with frequent change (eg hospitals, retail), all roads except low traffic roads and trunk roads/motorways ⁽¹⁾	medium	0.7	0.6	0.7
Sites with heavy pollution (eg haulage yards, lorry parks, highly frequented lorry approaches to industrial estates, waste sites), sites where chemicals and fuels (other than domestic fuel oil) are to be delivered, handled, stored, used or manufactured; industrial sites; trunk roads and motorways ⁽¹⁾	high	0.8 ⁽²⁾	0.8 ⁽²⁾	0.9 ⁽²⁾

(1) Motorways and trunk roads should follow the guidance and risk assessment process set out in HD45/09 (Highways Agency, 2009)

(2) These should only be used if considered appropriate as part of a detailed risk assessment – required for all these land use types (Table 4.3). When dealing with high hazard sites, the environmental regulator should first be consulted for pre-permitting advice. This will help determine the most appropriate approach to the development of a design solution.

Table 26.3 Indicative SuDS mitigation indices for discharges to surface waters

Type of SuDS component	Mitigation indices ⁽¹⁾		
	TSS	Metals	Hydro-carbons
filter strip	0.4	0.4	0.5
filter trench	0.4 ⁽²⁾	0.4	0.4
swale	0.5	0.6	0.6
bioretention system	0.8	0.8	0.8
permeable pavement	0.7	0.6	0.7
detention basin	0.5	0.5	0.6
pond ⁽⁴⁾	0.7 ⁽³⁾	0.7	0.5
wetland	0.8 ⁽³⁾	0.8	0.8
proprietary treatment systems ^(5, 6)	<p>These must demonstrate that they can address each of the contaminant types to acceptable levels for frequent events up to approximately the 1 in 1 year return period event, for inflow concentrations relevant to the contributing drainage area.</p>		

Total SuDS Mitigation Index \geq Pollution Hazard Index
(for each contaminant type) (for each contaminant type)

Total SuDS Mitigation Index = Mitigation Index $_1$ + 0.5 (Mitigation Index $_2$)

Where:

Mitigation Index $_n$ = Mitigation Index for Component 'n'

A factor of 0.5 is used to account for the reduced performance of secondary or tertiary components associated with already reduced inflow concentrations

- Expect source control in addition

[Simple Index Approach Tool](#)

Timescales

- RM08 to be changed
- Launched 12 November
- After 31 May – only SIA acceptable

Benefits of SuDS (BeST) Tool

- Very useful tool but takes time to grasp
- Comprehensive spreadsheet
- Better for real developments, i.e. serious proposals
- CIRIA development

BeST Tool

- Available free (but need to register) from;

<http://www.susdrain.org/resources/best.html>

The screenshot shows a spreadsheet titled "Screening Questions and initial qualitative assessment" with a "ENABLE PAGES" button. The spreadsheet is organized into columns for Impact, Question, Further aspects to consider, Likely Impact, Open impact sheet?, Reasons /evidence for choosing the scale of the impact, and LINKS. The rows correspond to different impact categories: Air quality, Amenity, Biodiversity and Ecology, and Building.

Impact	Question	Further aspects to consider	Likely Impact	Open impact sheet?	Reasons /evidence for choosing the scale of the impact	LINKS
Air quality	Will the drainage / SuDS also change the level of air pollution?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is the site in an air quality management area? - Will the scheme involve green infrastructure (e.g. tree planting, green roofs)? - Is the scheme in a populated area or a transport corridor? 		NO		LINK
Amenity	Will the drainage / SuDS also change the attractiveness of the place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Does the scheme involve new/improved water bodies, landscaping or greening? - Is the scheme in a populated area, or an area used for recreation, work, commuting, tourism, etc? - Will SuDS components be visible to those living nearby or passing by? - Could the scheme lead to inconvenience/disruption to residents or others (e.g. during construction or loss of car parking)? 		NO		LINK
Biodiversity and Ecology	Will the drainage / SuDS also lead to a change in habitats for plants and animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will the scheme impact on a designated site (e.g. SSSI, SAC, SPA), Habitats of Principal Importance (BAP priority habitats), a site of local importance for nature, or a non-designated site of local or regional value? - Will the scheme involve SuDS components that may improve these sites, or create new sites? 		NO		LINK
Building	Will the drainage / SuDS also change the potential for high	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will the scheme involve green infrastructure (e.g. tree planting, green roofs) or water bodies providing evaporative cooling? 		NO		LINK

The spreadsheet also includes a "PROJECT DETAILS" section with fields for No., Name, Assmt. Version, and Date (Jan 1900). The bottom of the image shows the Windows taskbar with the application name "CIRIA W045" and several open tabs: "HOME", "Version Info", "Project Inputs", "Screening questions", "Potential Stakeholders", "Potential double counting", and "Summary of outputs-Qualitative".

- Considers 19 possible “Impacts” that SuDS can provide benefits to

Glasgow [SWMP](#) Case Study

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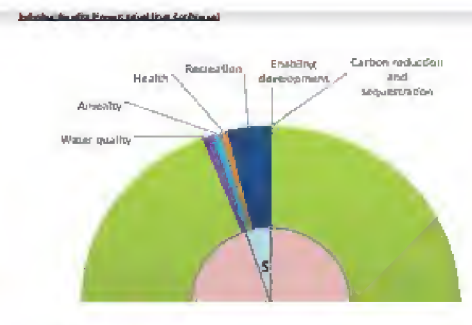
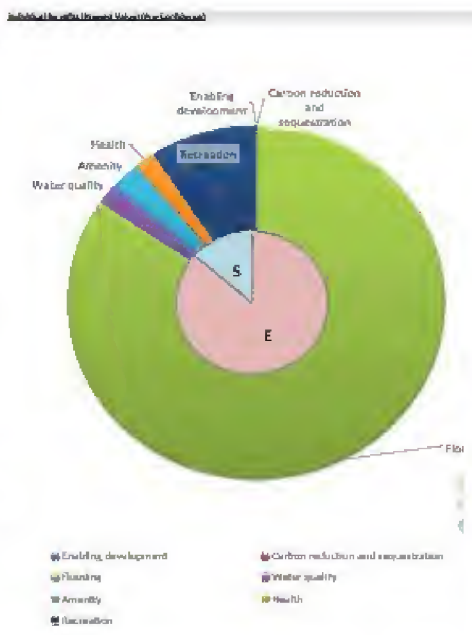
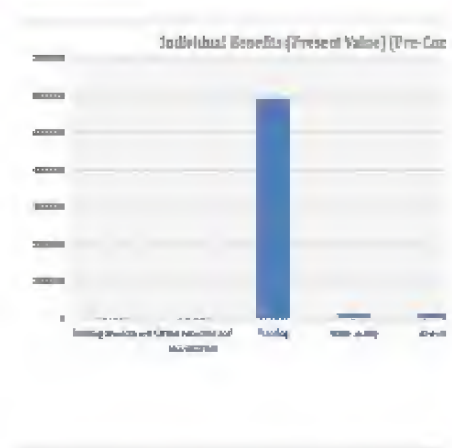
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Air quality
Amenity
Biodiversity (habitats)
Carbon sequestration / reduction
Crime
Economic growth
Education
Enabling development
Flexible infrastructure / CCA
Flood risk
Groundwater recharge
Health
Pumping wastewater
Recreation
Building Temperature
Tourism
Traffic calming
Treating wastewater
Water quality of receiving water

Table 1: Summary of results

Present Value Assessment Stage	Total Benefits PV	Total PV Costs	Net Value Present	Benefit Ratio Cost
Present Value before confidence applied	£69,858,591	£26,833,659	£43,024,932	2.6
Present Value after confidence applied	£62,707,500	£26,833,659	£35,873,841	2.3
Present Value sensitivity - low				
Present Value sensitivity - high				

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Figure 1: Breakdown of benefits per cate

Figure 2: Distribution of benefits pre (left) and post (right)

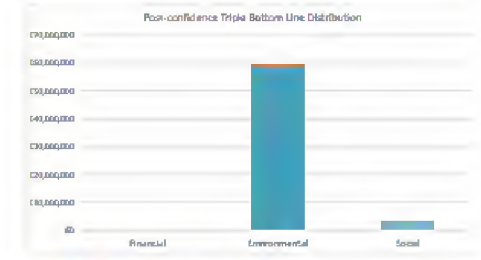
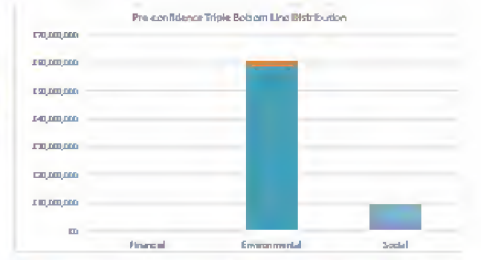


Figure 3: Breakdown of benefits under triple bottom line categories pre (left) and post (right) confidence

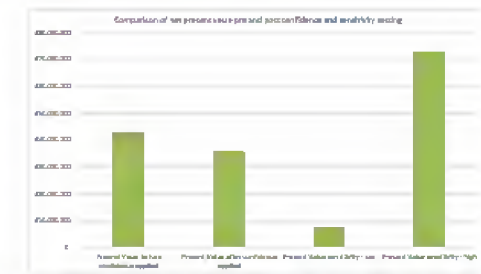
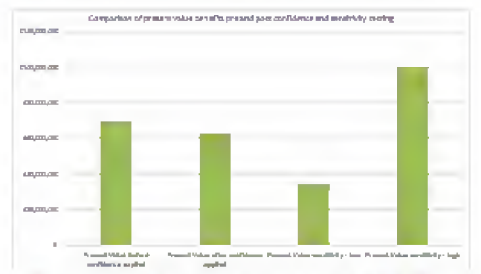
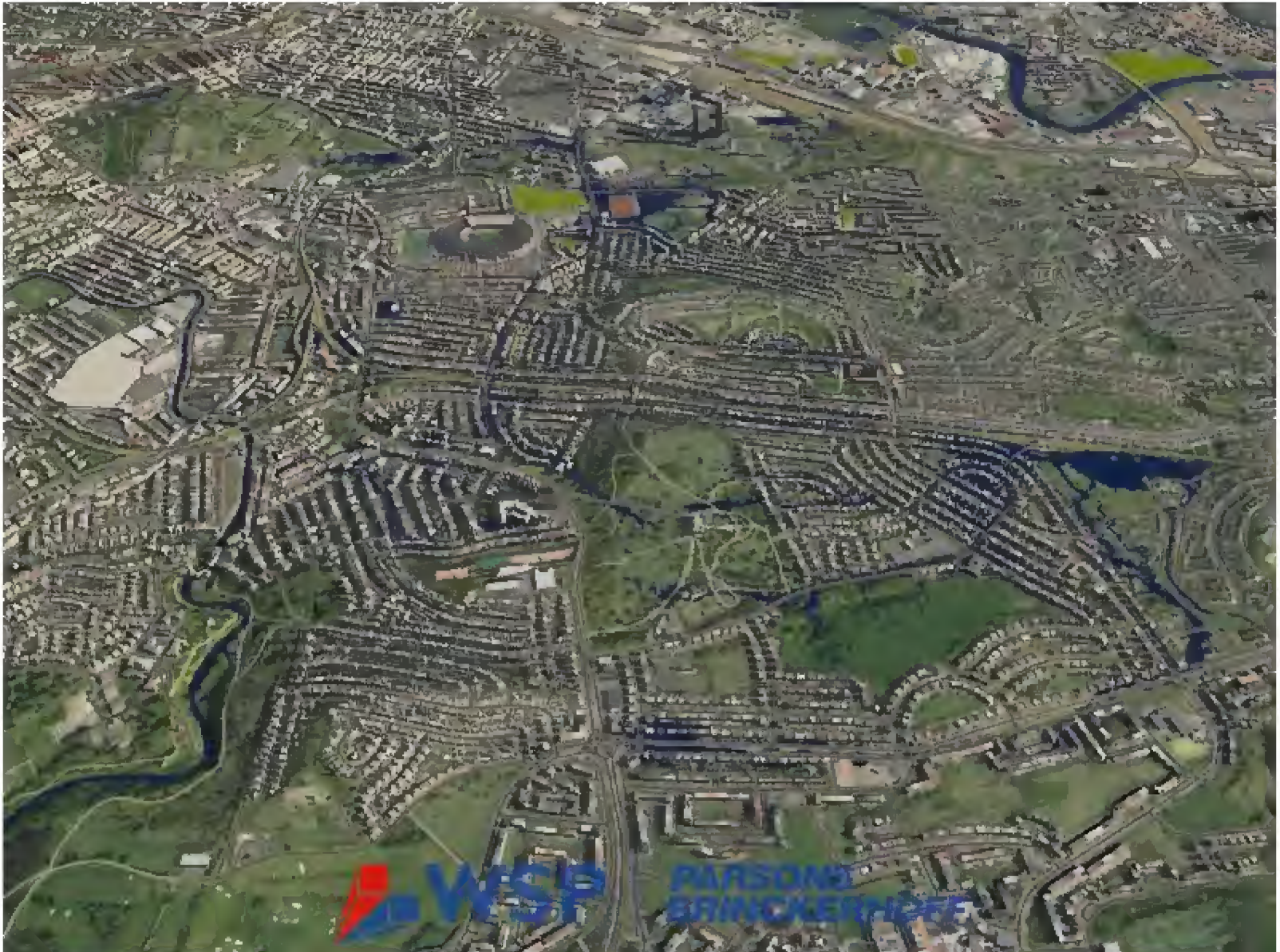


Figure 4: Comparison of benefits present value (left) and net present value (right) for pre and post confidence and sensitivity testing.

Visualisation Tools

Good for Community Engagement and Elected Member Sessions



Questions?

Discussion?

Notes?