

Nominee: United Utilities SuDS Adoption Project Team



Category	3. Outstanding Team
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I am pleased to nominate the UU (United Utilities) team for the Outstanding SuDS Team Award. This team has demonstrated exceptional leadership and innovation in the adoption of SuDS solutions, making a significant contribution to sustainable development.

In 2018, the UU team collaborated with my team in designing a large housing development of 450 houses. The UU team worked with us to develop a robust set of details and design criteria that could be adopted. This led to the development of the first S104 submission for online adopted SuDS in the UU area, which was a significant milestone.

Throughout the collaboration, the UU team showed tremendous knowledge and experience in designing and implementing SuDS solutions. Their input and recommendations helped us design and suggest new ways to implement SuDS across our developments, and we now have a solid understanding of the requirements UU looks for when adopting these systems.

The UU team also helped us in a project in Liverpool, where they provided clear and robust design input to formulate a design that the local authority adopted. Their knowledge allowed the use of roadside bio-retention areas in an adopted road for the first time in Liverpool, reducing the requirements for traditional road gullies.

What makes the UU team truly outstanding is their accessibility and commitment to supporting others in adopting SuDS solutions. They are always available for quick team calls or in-person meetings to discuss new projects and provide recommendations that allow a smooth passage through the adoption process. In addition, the team regularly holds technical workshop meetings for developers and consultants to share the latest innovations or legislation, demonstrating their commitment to continuous learning and improvement. In summary, the UU team has made a significant contribution to sustainable development by adopting and promoting SuDS solutions. Their expertise, accessibility, and commitment to supporting others make them the perfect candidates for the Outstanding SuDS Team Award.