# Delivering SuDS in Leicestershire Early Experiences

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#### Introduction

- Lead Local Flood Authority for Leicestershire, excluding the city of Leicester, a unitary authority at the centre of the county
- · Upper tier authority 7 Local Planning Authorities
- "Land Locked" county, on a watershed for 3 major catchment areas
- 3 River Basin Management Plans Trent/Humber, Severn and Welland/Anglian
- Environment Agency Area of Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Derbyshire
- · One Internal Drainage Board small area in the far north of the county
- · From a geological point of view the dominant soil type is clay



#### The story so far.

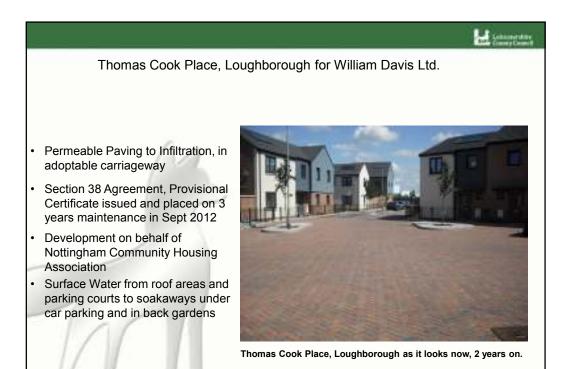
- Since FWMA (2010) aware of the SuDs elements of act How can they be introduced?
- Use of Soakaways for Highway SW, where ground conditions allow, adopting as "Highway Drainage" as part of the S38 Agreement
- Permeable Paving Initially a Footway area Permeable Paving to Infiltration in carriageway at Thomas Cook Place in Loughborough, adopted as part of the S38 agreement
- During "Interim" period adopting Attenuation Basins or Ponds at the end of a "Conventional" system, as local Water Authority not adopting but insisting that Basin/Pond be adopted by a Public Body
- Early 2013 set up a SuDS Approving Body (SAB) Implementation Project
- Some Local Developers Keen to introduce SuDS Planning and EA requirement to do so - Pre-planning meetings – Joint meetings including LPA Landscape and Ecology
- · Learning lessons More integrated designs Multi functional use of Open Space

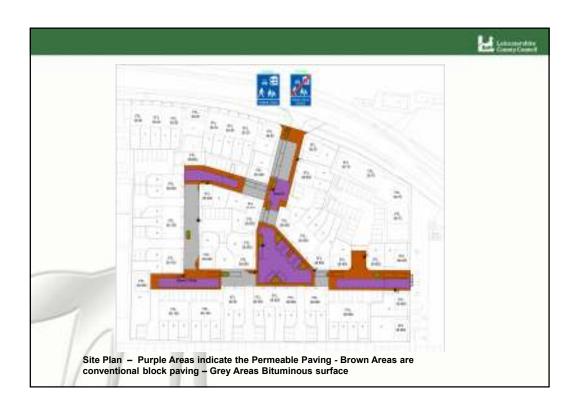


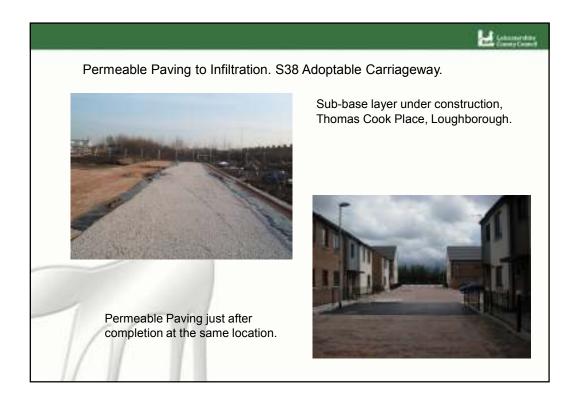
Peter McCaig Way, Quorndon for Miller Homes.

- Soakaway for Highway Drainage only
- Soakaway in P.O.S. that is maintained by the Parish Council
- Ground conditions are predominantly Sands & Gravels
- Private Plot drainage to soakaways in back gardens
- Adopted as "Highway Drainage" as part of the S38 Agreement in March 2009







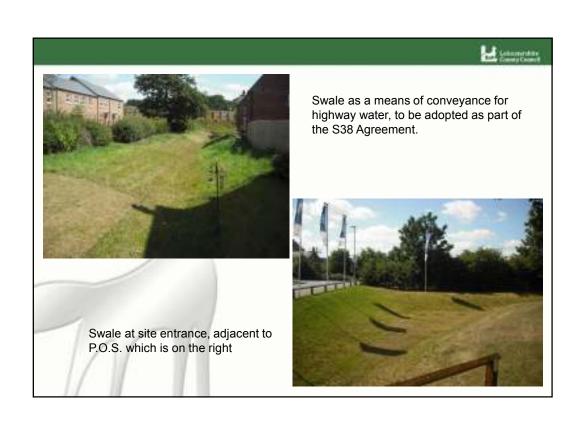




### Netherhall Drive & Fenny Copse Lane, Quorndon for David Wilson Homes

- Swales, Infiltration "Basin" and a "crate" soakaway, for Highway Drainage only
- Swale and Infiltration Basin adjacent to the copse and the P.O.S.
- Ground conditions predominantly Sands & Gravels
- Private Plot drainage to soakaways in the back gardens
- All included within the S38
   Agreement signed August 2012







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Grangewood Manor, Beggars Lane, Leicester Forest East.

Taylor Wimpey East Midlands, JPP Consulting and Leicestershire C.C.

- Permeable Paving, Swales, Filter Strips, Detention Basin and Flow Control
- Pre-planning discussions took place between Developer – Consultant – LCC "Team work"
- Private Plot Drainage to adopted "Swales"
- · Main attenuation in Detention Basin
- Pass forward flow to watercourse 15 l/sec















## Commuted Sums & Future Maintenance

- · Developers charged Commuted Sums, calculated per SuDS feature
- · Based on Maintenance Costs in the Cambridge City Guide
- Maintenance to be carried out by Leicestershire Highways Operations as part of their normal highways maintenance duties
- Currently Highway Drainage gangs External Contractor verge maintenance
- Training for operatives Drainage Landscaping Confined Spaces
- Long term I feel there will be a need for dedicated teams "Drainage Section"
- Opportunities for Partnership working with other Authorities that maintain the Public Open Spaces adjacent to SuDS features



#### Summary

- Sustainable Drainage is the RESPONSIBLE and MORAL way to deal with Surface Water from New Development
- · Should all be looking for opportunities to introduce SuDS
- · Consider retrofitting SuDS as part of scheme design
- Team work Developer Designer Local Authorities Water Authority
- Quote Barry West, "Don't be afraid to give it a go."