

Cambridgeshire's approach to Sustainable Drainage



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Sustainable Drainage and the Flood and Water Management Act 2010



- ◆ The commencement of schedule 3 has been delayed again
- ◆ Defra fully committed to implementation but there is no defined timescale
- ◆ Implications for Cambridgeshire – General confusion, and significant risk as development is progressing



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The risks we have identified...



- ◆ SuDS features are being proposed where there is no recognisable adopting body
- ◆ Pressure to provide an alternative method of adoption given that SuDS proposals have been designed
- ◆ EA does not have the capacity
- ◆ Management companies– what happens in the future?



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Our approach...



- ◆ Gain clarity to help deliver growth in the Cambridgeshire
- ◆ SuDS adoption on large sites subject to an approval process (>5 hectares)
- ◆ The idea is to mirror the SAB approval process



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Our approach...

- ◆ This can only be achieved with the support of stakeholders and professional partners
- ◆ Working closely with District Councils, the Environment Agency and IDBs to achieve a smooth process




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Key stages-Application

- ◆ MOU between key partners including District Councils and Environment Agency
- ◆ New processes included within SPD already being produced as part of the local plan arrangements
- ◆ Process for applications and pre app discussions



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Key stage - Approval and adoption

- ◆ Processes for approval and voluntary adoption.
- ◆ Monitoring and financial agreements for non-compliance



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Key stage - Maintenance cost collection arrangements - two options:

- 1) Commuted sums e.g. S106
- 2) Household charging collected by the DCs

Maintenance schedules
(to be used to set charges)



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Next steps...



Timetable for moving forward:

- ◆ July – Initial meeting with stakeholders
- ◆ Aug/Sept – Meet with individual authorities
- ◆ Aug/Sept – Draft initial process
- ◆ October – Obtain committee approval
- ◆ Oct-Nov – Consult with stakeholders including local house builders workshops
- ◆ Late 2014 – Finalise process and begin implementation!



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