Cambridgeshire’s approach to Sustainable Drainage

Cambridgeshire County Council
23rd July 2014

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

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk
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?

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
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

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
Our approach…

Key stage - Approval and adoption

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

Our approach…

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)
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!