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What are sustainable drainage systems (SuDS)?
SuDS manage surface water runoff in a more natural way. They manage rainfall close to where it falls and on, or near the surface. SuDS help to:

- Manage water quantity
- Improve water quality
- Provide amenity
- Enhance biodiversity

Why choose SuDS?

1 **REDUCE CAPITAL COSTS**
Capital costs on a SuDS development are lower than traditional drainage (Leicestershire was 16% and Cambridgeshire 11%).

2 **PREMIUM ON PRICES**
Property and land next to a high quality SuDS scheme can typically attract a higher premium.

3,4 **INCREASE RENTAL VALUE**
Developments are more attractive when located on a wetland frontage.

5,6 **LOWER MAINTENANCE COSTS**
Maintenance costs for SuDS are lower than traditional drainage schemes.

7 **FASTER APPROVAL**
SuDS can speed up the approval process by helping to meet local planning requirements.

Delivering multiple benefits

- REDUCE FLOOD RISK**
The peak flow of surface water runoff in three Scottish SuDS schemes was at least 50% lower than traditional drainage for a neighbouring site.
- REDUCE POLLUTION**
SuDS can reduce the impact of developments on the water environment by removing up to 90% of pollution from runoff.
- HEALTH AND WELLBEING BENEFITS**
On large developments SuDS can generate health and wellbeing benefits of over £300 per household per year.

Better for the community,
better for business.



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