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

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.

Why choose SuDS?

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

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

- **INCREASE RENTAL VALUE**
  Developments are more attractive when located on a wetland frontage.

- **LOWER MAINTENANCE COSTS**
  Maintenance costs for SuDS are lower than traditional drainage schemes.

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

Better for the community, better for business.