



Promoting Sustainable Drainage

Dear Sir / Madam

The Association of SuDS Authorities welcome the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft updated Non Statutory Technical Standards for SuDS and as such have completed the questionnaire in relation to the proposed changes.

Although the standards are still including the title 'Non-Statutory' which leads to ambiguity in some cases, the revised standards help to strengthen the delivery of multifunctional well designed SuDS. The clarity needed to ensure the delivery of these systems in developments is clearer.

Even though more clarity is needed in relation to some standards and the deliverability of these standards, we welcome the inclusion of the standards in regards to Water Quality, Amenity and Biodiversity and the opportunity these standards provide to help make developments consider the deliverability of a sustainable fully integrated surface water drainage systems from the onset of master planning the development and not as an afterthought. The standards will help to ensure the multi-functionality requirement in NPPF is met where practicable.

The revised standards and supporting clarifications will help improve consistency across the implementation of the standards as well strengthen the deliverability of well-designed SuDS within developments and not a reliance on an unsustainable end of pipe, oversized tank designs where not necessary as is often the case presently.

Yours Sincerely

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On Behalf of the

ASSOCAITION OF SUDS AUTHORITIES