

Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) Handbook



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Introduction

1. The Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS) Handbook sets out the role of SUDS in achieving sustainable development across eight Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFA) in the West Midlands:
 - Black Country Authorities:
 - Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
 - Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
 - Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council
 - Wolverhampton City Council
 - Shropshire Council
 - Staffordshire County Council
 - Stoke-on-Trent City Council
 - Telford and Wrekin Council
2. The SUDS Handbook shows how early consideration of surface water drainage issues can ensure that an effective SUDS scheme can easily be delivered on any site. The eight LLFAs listed above are the strategic leaders for local flood risk management in their respective Local Authority Areas and have agreed to work collaboratively to deliver this SUDS Handbook.
3. This 'Consultation for the SUDS handbook was undertaken by Staffordshire County Council in accordance with how a Supplementary Planning Document would be consulted on in the [Revised Statement of Community Involvement\(SCI\)](#). This consultation statement sets out how the consultation on the SUDS handbook met the requirements of the SCI in consulting relevant organisations and people. The consultation was run for the Staffordshire version only of the SUDS Handbook.

Who was invited to make comments?

4. Consultation was undertaken in accordance with the [Revised Statement of Community Involvement \(SCI\)](#). In this statement, guidance is provided on who we consult when preparing Supplementary Planning Documents as well as guidance how we consult.
5. We have consulted a wide range of developers and individuals including the "key stakeholders" / "consultation bodies" in the table below:

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Key stakeholders / consultation bodies	
Specific consultation bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staffordshire District and Parish Councils• Statutory Undertakers
General consultation bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developer Contacts held by District Councils• Planning Consultants• General Industry• Statutory Undertakers

6. The Staffordshire Development Control Officers Group (SDCOG) was requested to forward the information on to the developer contacts they hold.

Summary of Consultation on Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS) Handbook

7. Staffordshire County Council consulted on the SUDS handbook for a total of eight weeks between 30 August 2016 and 28 October 2016.

Consultation methods

8. In accordance with the Council's Revised Statement of Community Involvement the following steps were undertaken:
- Staffordshire elected members were notified by the weekly members update email
 - Emails were sent to Staffordshire Development Control Officers Group (SDOG) which were then forwarded on to the developer contacts held by those officers. For example South Staffordshire Council forwarded the details to 168 different contacts.
 - Email to Staffordshire Parish Council Group for circulation amongst the Parish Councils.
 - A news article was posted on the Staffordshire Flood Risk teams webpage
 - Information was included on the footer of the Flood Risk team emails directing people to the consultation.

Responses

9. There were 2 respondents to the consultation. Due to the limited response to the final draft document the consultation period was extended from the initial closing date of 7 October 2016 until 28 October 2016. Reminders were sent out to encourage anyone with comments to respond.

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Appendix 1: Responses to consultation on Draft SUDS document

What is your organisation? - Organisation	Do you support the Local SUDS Standards in Chapter 3? - Do you support the Local SUDS Standards in Chapter 3?	Do you agree with the Design Guidance in Chapter 3? - Do you agree with the Design Guidance in Chapter 3?	Do you agree with the Surface Water Drainage Proforma in Appendix A? - Do you agree with the Surface Water Drainage Proforma in Appendix A?	Do you have any further comments to make on the SUDS Handbook? - Do you have any further comments to make on the SUDS Handbook?	How were the comments received taken into account?
East Staffordshire Borough Council	Yes	Yes	Yes	<p>The Council welcome the handbook and recognise the considerable work undertaken since the previous version. East Staffordshire Borough Council provided comments on the previous version and are pleased to see many of our concerns have been addressed in this version.</p> <p>East Staffordshire Borough Council is in the process of publishing a revised planning application validation document and will make relevance to the handbook in order for applicants to provide the necessary information when submitting a planning application, where relevant.</p> <p>It would be useful if a copy of the proformas referred to and contained within the document could be provided to LPAs separately, and in an editable form, so that applicants can be provided with a copy at the pre-application or validation stage.</p> <p>East Staffordshire Borough Council particularly welcome references within the document of the expectation that SUDS design should demonstrate, where appropriate, how environmental site constraints have been considered and how the features design will provide multiple benefits. This is something that the Council will consider further , possibly in a future supplementary planning document relating to open space and green infrastructure.</p> <p>Section E2.2 States 'Local Planning Policies and Neighbourhood Plans relating to residential and commercial development are developed by the District and Borough Councils and will include references to the use of SUDS</p>	<p>Appendices A and C have now been provided in editable format on our website and we are working with SCC Planning Colleagues to consider S106 for SUDS</p>

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				<p>on new and existing development'. It should be noted that whilst Local Planning Authorities 'Make' Neighbourhood Plans, they are developed by Neighbourhood Groups, mostly led by Parish Councils.</p> <p>Table C2-C within the appendices states 'A legal agreement should be put in place when responsibility is handed over from the developer to the Service Management Company to ensure the Service Management Company is liable for any failure to maintain the SUDS system in future.' – it would be useful if further guidance either in the handbook or separately, could be provided to LPAs which will ensure the legal issues relating to SUDS and their future management in perpetuity are adequately covered in any S106 agreements accompanying planning applications</p>	
Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council	Yes	Yes	Yes		Noted

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