

IMPLEMENTING SUDS AND DELIVERING BENEFITS

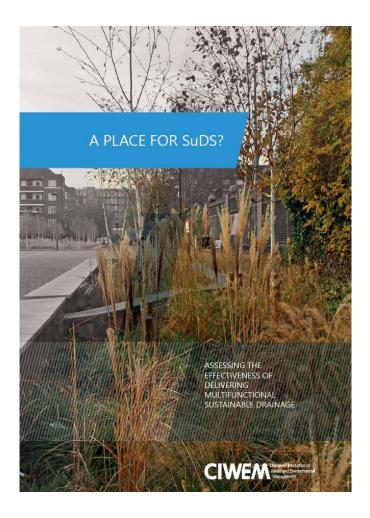
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A Place For SuDS?

CIWEM key findings to inform future SuDS Implementation



- Costs and benefits (in particular) are not fully assessed
- Physical site constraints is a common excuse
- Planning authorities and LLFAs have limited capacity and skills
- Often missing out delivering multiple benefits (i.e. following very narrow optional non-statutory standards)
- SuDS adoption and future maintenance is the greatest barrier



Commonly Cited Barriers

What is the reality?

WHAT ARE THE REASONS CITED IN PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR NOT IMPLEMENTING SUDS? PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY

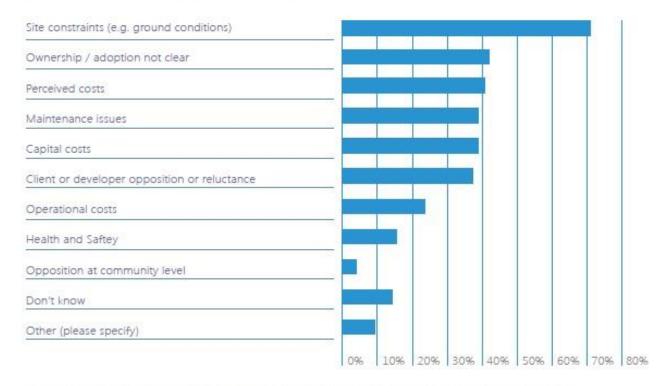


Figure 2. Big SuDS Survey question 15 "What are the reasons cited in planning applications for not implementing SuDS? Please tick all that apply"

Other reasons/ perceived barriers:

- Planning policy, guidance and advice
- SuDS Standards
- Delays to planning??
- CIWEM Report also concluded that these barriers are mainly political and institutional rather than technical and financial

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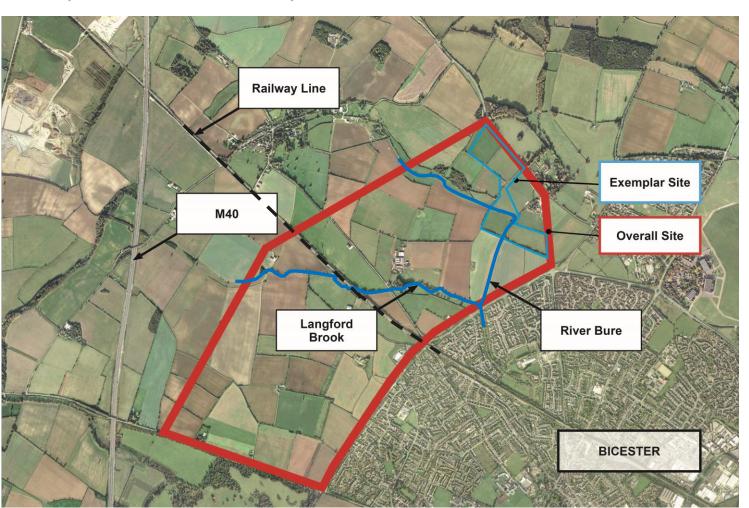
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Scene Setting

Exemplar Site and Masterplan Site Location



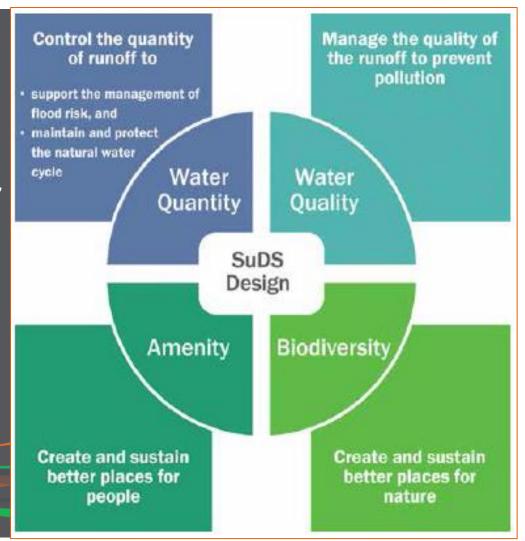
- 400 Ha, 6000
 new homes
- 40% Green
 Space (at least half of this publically accessible)

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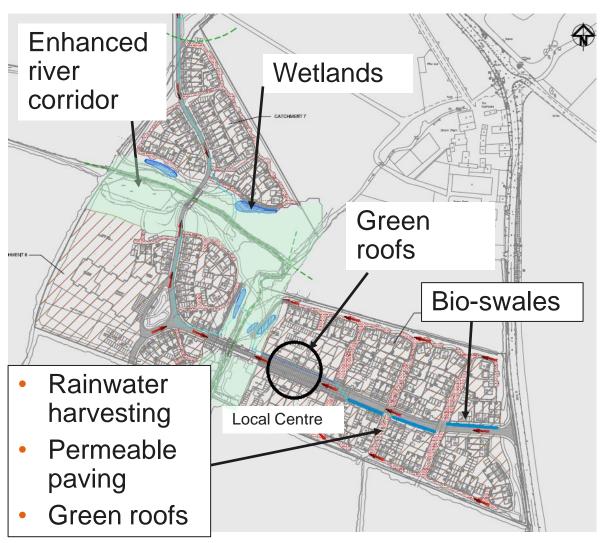
Key Concepts

- Enhance natural drainage, water quality and flood risk reduction
- Use water as a resource
- Maximise sustainability, water saving benefits
- Ability to cope with climate change and urban creep
- Promote exemplar design and best practice





Exemplar Site SuDS









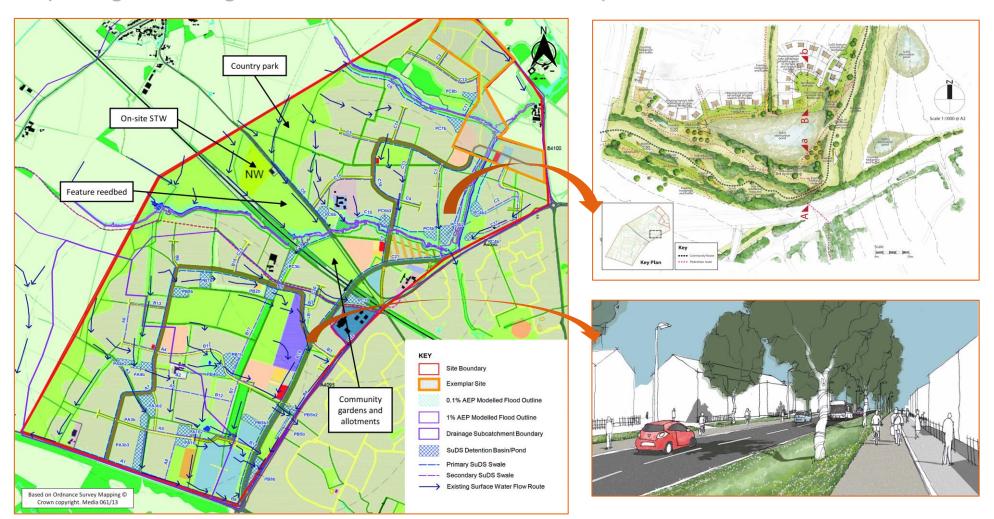
Exemplar Site SuDS Adoption

Adoption Body	Adopted SuDS Measures			
Oxfordshire	SuDS within adopted highway boundary (e.g. swales, rills, filter			
County Council	drains, pipes)			
Private	SuDS outside the adopted highway boundary except those			
Management	within the individual property boundaries (e.g. green roofs and			
Company (PMC)	rainwater recycling tanks which will be maintained by property			
	owners. The revenue gained from the service charges, which			
	includes maintenance costs of landscaping features and SuDS,			
	is used for funding the PMC.			



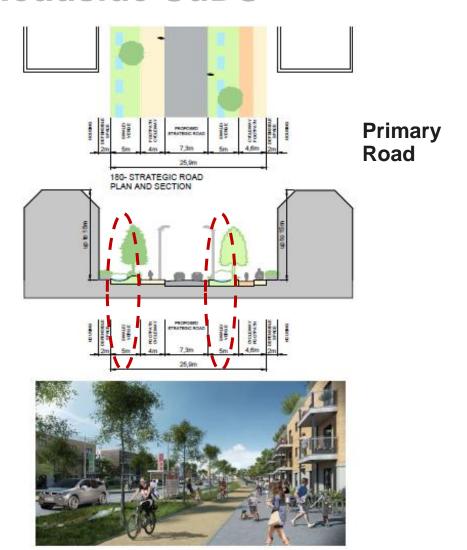
Masterplan Site SuDS

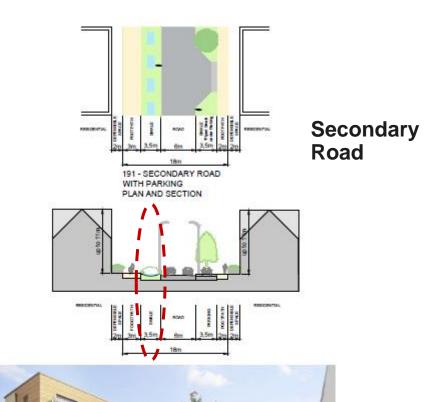
Capturing knowledge & Lessons Learned from Exemplar Phase





Roadside SuDS







ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF SUDS



Exemplar Site (17.5ha) Example



2. Determine natural capital values of SuDS (Qualify)

3. Measure changes in the state of natural capital (Quantify)

4. Monetise natural capital value of SuDS

SuDS features	Size (m²)		
Intensive Green Roof	3,490		
Permeable paving	12,470		
Swale	39,030		
Attenuation Basin	20,000		
Soakaways	36,000		
Greenfield*	64,010		
Total Catchment area	175,000		



SuDS Benefits Summary

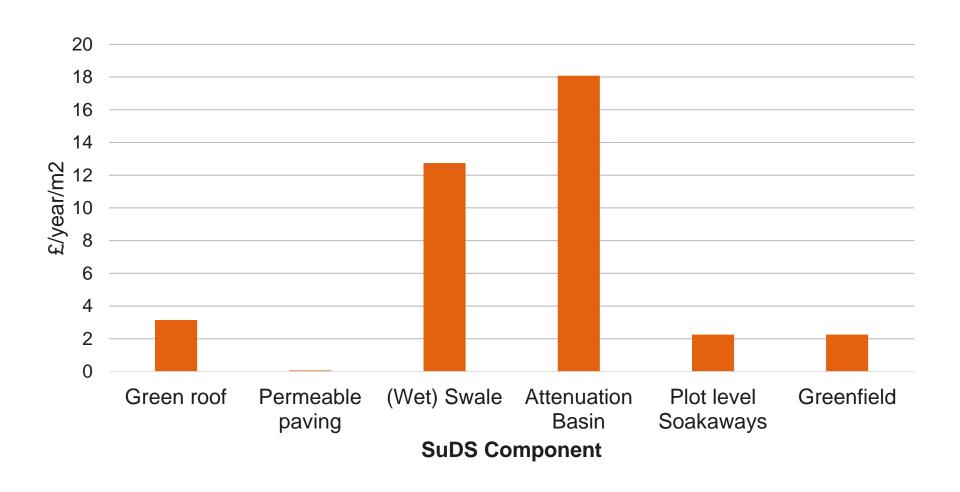
Further benefits were also qualified but not monetised

Natural Capital benefits	Qualifiable	Quantifiable	Monetised	Total benefits (£/year)
Reduction in flooding	X	X		
Reduction of water treatment needs	X	X	X	6,340
Improvement in water quality	X			
Increase in groundwater recharge	X	X		
Reduction in noise pollution	X			
Improvement in air quality	X	X	X	2,900
Reduction in energy use	X	X	X	15,930
Reduction in GHG emissions	X	X	X	3,770
Carbon sequestration	X	X	X	2,260
Reduction in urban heat island	X			
Health and wellbeing	X			
Improvement in aesthetics/amenity	X	X	X	203,170
Increase in recreational opportunities	X	X	X	55,860
Provision of educational opportunities	X			
Improvement in habitat (biodiversity)	X	X	X	17,320
			Grand Total	<i>307,550</i>

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Annual Benefits per SuDS Feature





FINAL THOUGHTS

NW Bicester is a pioneering example – close collaboration and early SuDS consideration is key

SuDS provides notable environmental & economic benefits

Addresses key barriers and inform future SuDS policy

Tackles resiliency, efficiency and quality priorities.

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