



**FLOOD &
WATER**
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Schedule 3 of the
Flood & Water
Management Act
2010
Statutory SuDS

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Schedule 3 was implemented on the 7th January 2019 and requires sustainable drainage on all construction work which has drainage implications for development over 100sq m.

Construction area means anything done by or on behalf of, in connection with or in preparation for the creation of a building or other structure, which will affect the ability of the land to 'absorb' rainwater.

Ignore the word '**absorb**' – ***it's an area of over 100sq m within a development area, where the run-off change exacerbates flood risk.***



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What is a SAB & what does it do?

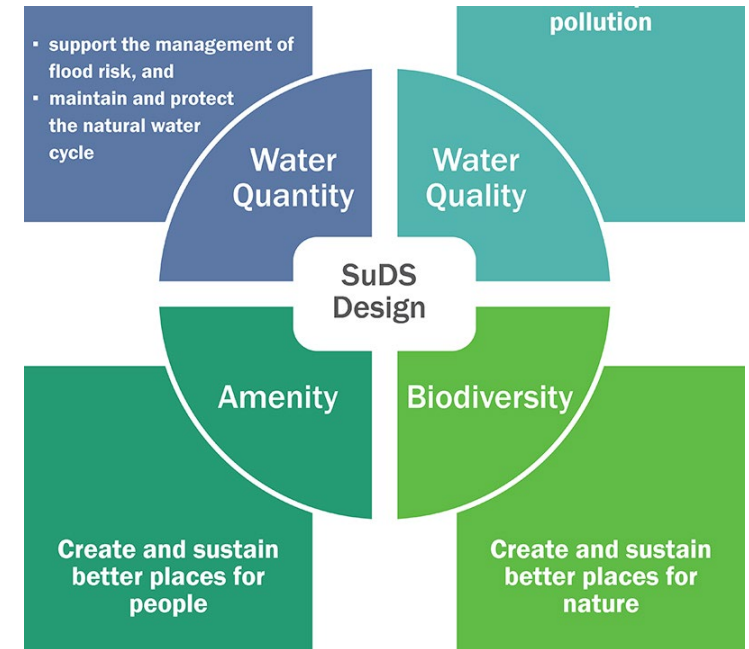
A **SuDS Approval Body (SAB)** is the statutory body responsible for evaluating and approving applications. This process is separate to but runs parallel with the planning process.

Surface water systems on new development must be designed and constructed in accordance with the mandatory standards for sustainable drainage published by Welsh Ministers. **Construction must not commence until the relevant consent has been received from the SAB and the relevant conditions discharged.**



National SuDS Standards for Wales

1. Surface water runoff hydraulic destination
2. Surface water runoff hydraulic control
3. Water Quality
4. Amenity
5. Biodiversity
6. Design of drainage for construction, operation and maintenance



What do statutory SuDS deliver?

- Early engagement in site design
- Better design
- Multiple benefits within development
- Resilient development
- Sustainable development
- Records and inspections of constructed drainage
- A single body responsible for surface water management features
- ***Better places to live & work***



Welsh SuDS Review : improving delivery

- A review was promised, delivered & published by the Welsh Government in July 2023, with over 80 recommendations on how to improve the delivery of the legislation from across the industry.
- The Minister for Climate Change will be making a statement on the prioritisation of recommendations, based on a short, medium & long term delivery strategy.
- A new SuDS Community of Practice (SuDS COP) is starting next month including representatives from across the sector, which will aid in the delivery of the recommendations.



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