

# SuDS - Sustainable Drainage Systems Guides for DCC

Climate Action, Environment & Energy SPC

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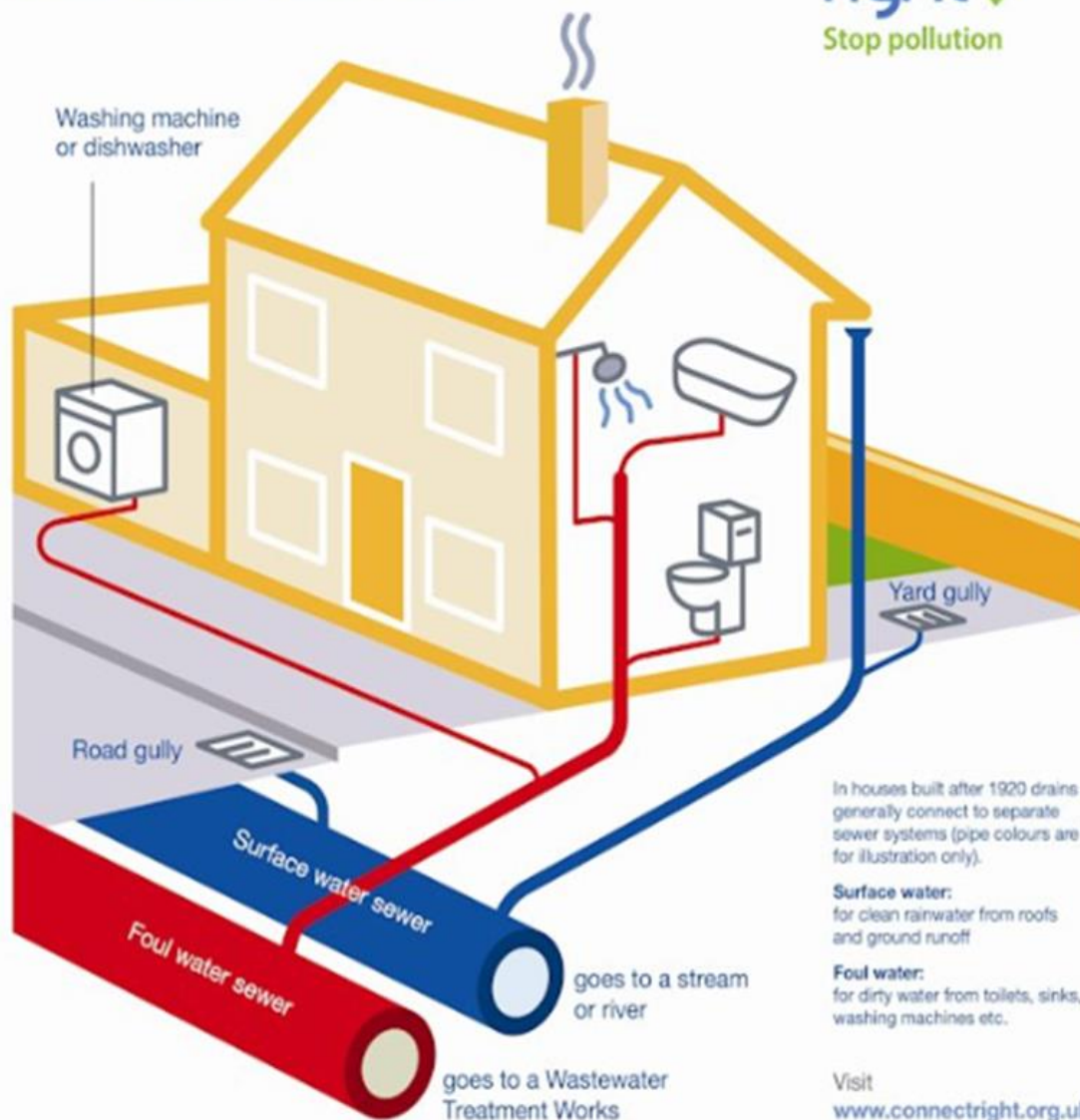
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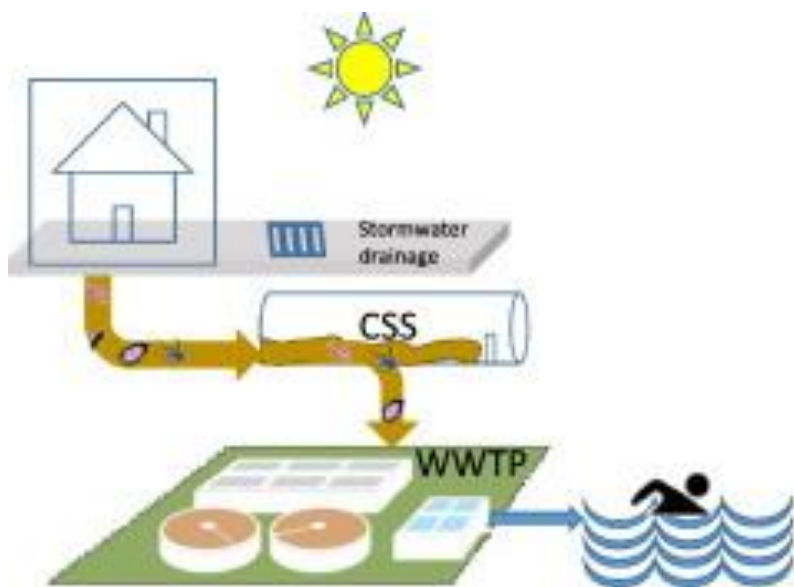
## Correct Drainage Connections Illustrated

connect  
right ✓  
Stop pollution



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# Bathing Water Information



## WARNING



### DO NOT SWIM

**THIS BATHING WATER IS CLOSED. SWIMMING IN THIS WATER  
MAY CAUSE ILLNESS**

**REASON FOR CLOSURE:** Under the Bathing Water Quality Regulations 2012, bathing water quality is assessed against a standard of 'Good' water quality for the purpose of bathing. If the water quality is assessed as 'Poor' or 'Very Poor', bathing is prohibited or restricted at this location. Bathing is prohibited at this location from the 1st June 2012 for a maximum of two bathing seasons. The water quality will continue to be monitored at this location. Details will be posted on the bathing water quality website at [www.bathingwaterquality.gov.uk](http://www.bathingwaterquality.gov.uk).

For further information please contact the Local Council. The Local Council can be contacted on 01273 835000.

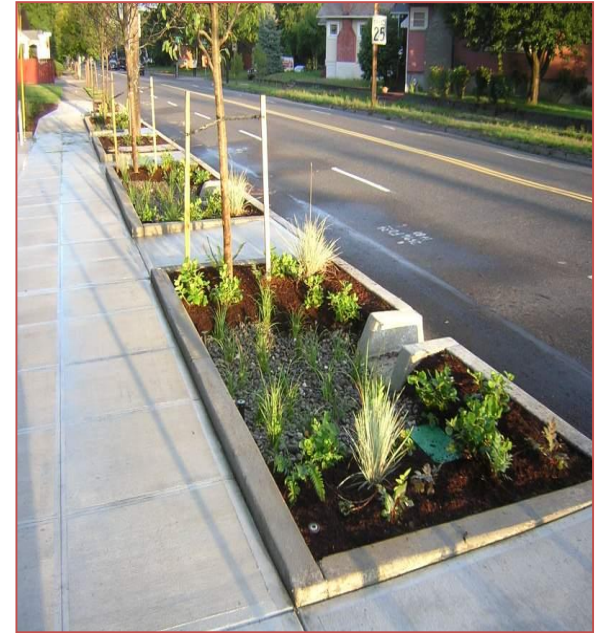
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# SuDS Principles

- Mimic the natural drainage processes
- Where possible, manage water at surface level
- Manage runoff close to the source
- Provide multiple benefits from the SuDS

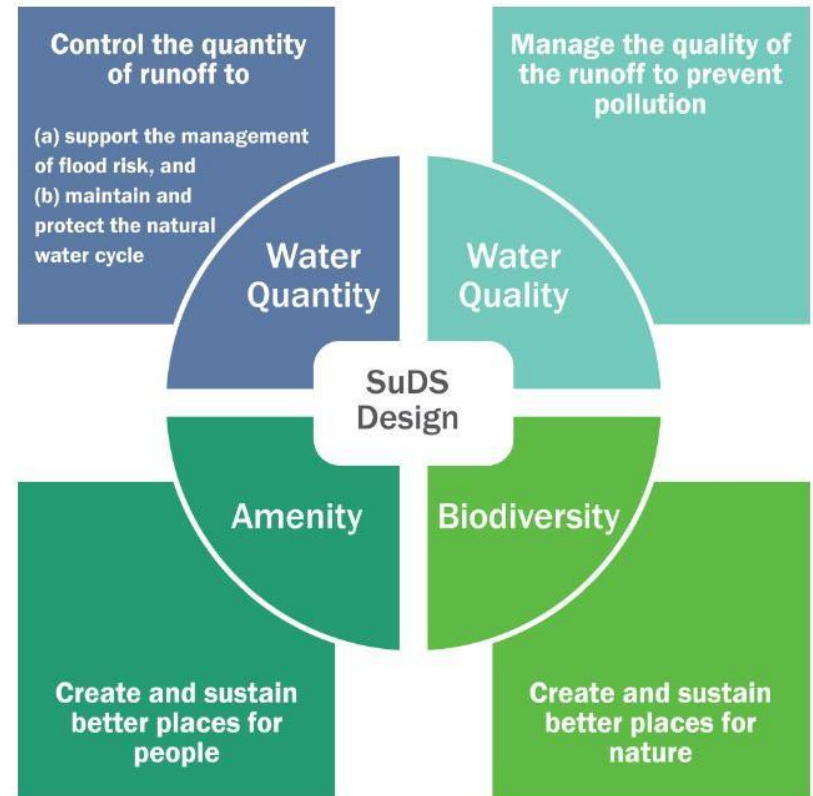


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# SuDS Benefits

- Reduced flood risk
- Improved water quality
- Increased biodiversity
- Increased levels of green infrastructure
- Better places to live
- Engagement with local communities
- Adaptation to climate change
- Carbon management



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# **Water Framework Directive**

## **Weser Judgement (ECB)**

“refuse authorisation for an individual project where it may cause a deterioration of the status of a body of surface water”

## **Bradan Beo Decision (High Court)**

## **Irish Water**



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# GREATER DUBLIN STRATEGIC DRAINAGE STUDY



Volume One  
Overall Policy Document



Volume Two  
New Development



Volume Three  
Environmental Mngt



Volume Four  
Inflow, Infiltration &  
Exfiltration



Volume Five  
Climate Change



## REGIONAL DRAINAGE POLICIES Technical Document



### **VOLUME TWO** New Development

**March 2005**



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# Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works

Cód Cleachtais Réigiúnach  
Mhórcheantar Bhaile Átha Cliath  
le haqhaidh Oibreacha Draenála

Version Draft 6.0

## 16.6. Attenuation Tanks/Enlarged Pipes:

These are not true SuDS devices and should only be considered as a last resort where it can be shown that SuDS measures are not achievable.



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# SuDS Working Group

- Drainage – flooding and water quality
- Roads – Active travel
- Parks including biodiversity
- Climate Change
- City Architects – Public Realm and Housing Projects
- Planning – Dev Plan and Dev Control



# New City Development Plan

## SI22 Sustainable Drainage Systems

To require the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) in all new developments, where appropriate, as set out in the Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage Study (Vol 2: New Development)/ Greater Dublin Regional Code of Practice for Drainage Works. Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) should incorporate **nature-based solutions** and be designed in accordance with the Dublin City Council Sustainable Drainage **Design and Evaluation Guide (2021)** which is summarised in Appendix 12. SuDS should protect and enhance **water quality** through treatment at source while enhancing **biodiversity and amenity**.

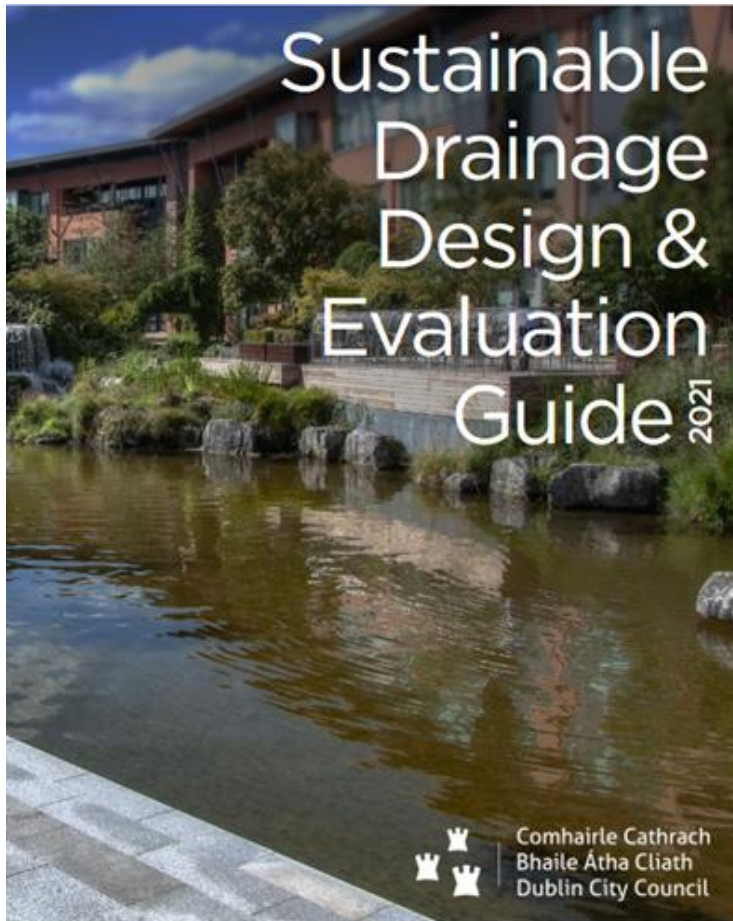
## SI23 Green Blue Roof

To require all new developments with roof areas in excess of 100 sq. metres to provide for a **green blue roof** designed in accordance with the requirements of Dublin City Council's Green and Blue Roof Guide (2021) which is summarised in Appendix 11.



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All new development  
including our own

Discharge criteria as per  
GDSDS

Emphasis on nature  
based – amenity/  
biodiversity – **no tanks!**



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All but smallest new developments

Roofs required on even the most restricted sites

Green **Blue** roofs



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Internal DCC document only

Less emphasis on discharge/ storage volumes

Greening/ minor SuDS retrofit schemes



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# Challenges of Implementing SuDS

- **Adoption, Ownership and Maintenance.**
- **Difficulties in retrofitting SuDS into confined and heavily serviced city streets**
- **“No space for SuDS”**



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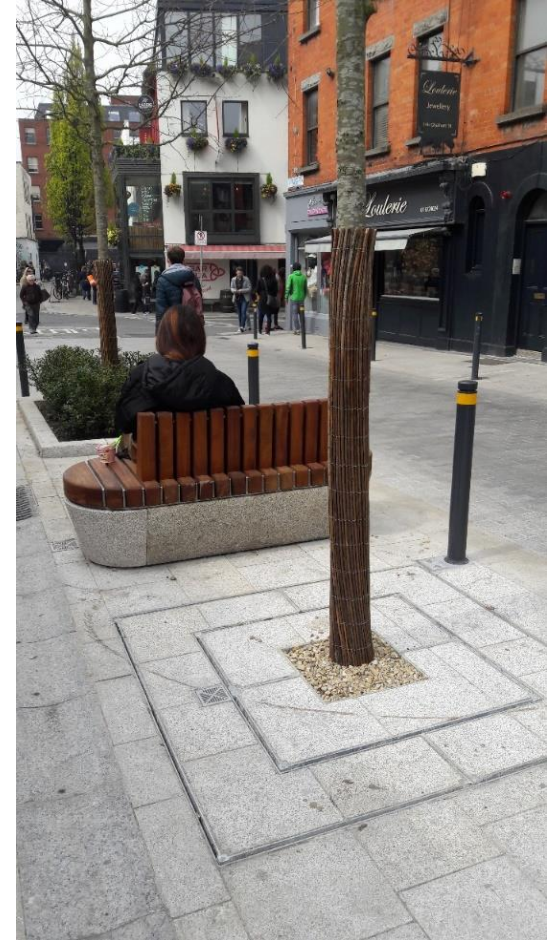




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# Going Forward With SuDS

- **SuDS design needs a cross Departmental, multi-disciplinary approach.**
- **There are plenty of opportunities to implement SuDS in Dublin City**
  - **Private and public developments**
  - **Greening Strategy**
  - **Housing projects**
  - **Public realm projects**
- **Every project is an opportunity to improve our environment**



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