

Residential Development – Oakcroft Lane, Stubbington Flood Risk Assessment & Development Drainage Strategy

#### **APPENDIX G** SUDS MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE PLAN



# OAKCROFT LANE STUBBINGTON

# SUDS MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE PLAN

# PERSIMMON HOMES SOUTH COAST

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#### **References:**

The SUDS manual – CIRIA C753 (2015) ISBN 9780-86017-760-9

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) – Communities and Local Government Technical Guidance - Flood Risk & Coastal Change (March 2012)







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# **1** Introduction

- 1.1 This document sets out the principles for the long term management and maintenance of the proposed surface water Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) installed within the development associated with Oakcroft Lane development, Stubbington, Hampshire.
- 1.2 The purpose of this document is to ensure that the management company and /or homeowner that will be maintaining the SuDS and ditches is entrusted with an inspection and maintenance programme to ensure the optimum operation of the surface water drainage network is continually maintained for the lifetime of the development and to prevent the increased risk of flooding both on and off site in accordance with the NPPF.

The management company is funded by the development residents with every property paying an apportionment of the overall annual charge according to the size of the property.

- 1.3 The principle storm water drainage strategy for the development is to attenuate surface water flows within the development ensuring that no runoff will be greater than the Greenfield runoff rate for all storm events.
- 1.4 This document details the SuDS structures within the treatment train and their required maintenance processes to ensure that no polluted discharges to the adjacent watercourse will take place.
- 1.5 This plan has been directly referenced from the latest technical SuDS guidance within the *CIRIA Report C753 The SuDS Manual* (2015) and other applicable guidance.
- 1.6 This document is laid out in specific sections applicable to the relevant SuDS type detailing:
  - A description of the SUDS component and its use.
  - Maintenance requirements and frequencies.
  - Inspection requirements and frequencies.
- 1.7 The activities listed are generic to the relative SuDS types and represent the minimum maintenance and inspection requirements, however additional tasks or varied maintenance frequency may be instructed by the maintenance company as required. Specific maintenance needs of the SuDS elements should be monitored and maintenance schedules adjusted to suit requirements.
- 1.8 This report is to read in conjunction with SUDS Management & Drainage Plan for the type and location of all SuDS systems present on this site.



# 2 SuDS Layout & Design

- 2.1 The installed SuDS system at this development are the responsibility of Persimmon Homes Ltd and their appointed Management Company.
- 2.2 Following installation and after transfer, all SuDS are to be maintained in perpetuity by the Management Company and shall ensure that it or any contractor employed by it carries out periodic maintenance of all such SuDS in accordance with the schedules listed in this report. Inspection checks shall be carried out by a qualified and competent person, at the minimum intervals listed within the schedules and the appropriate work carried out.
- 2.3 In terms of water quality, the proposed surface water system offers a suitable level of mitigation in accordance with the Environment Agency pollution prevention guidance GP3, NPPF, CIRIA C753 and DEFRA guidance.
- 2.4 There are three categories of maintenance activities referred to in this report:
  - **Regular maintenance** (including inspections and monitoring). Consists of basic tasks done on a frequent and predictable schedule, including vegetation management, litter and debris removal, inspections and sampling.

#### • Occasional maintenance

Comprises tasks that are likely to be required periodically, but on a much less frequent and predictable basis than the routine tasks (sediment removal is an example).

#### • Remedial maintenance

Comprises intermittent tasks that may be required to rectify faults associated with the system, although the likelihood of faults can be minimised by good design. Where remedial work is found to be necessary, it is likely to be due to site-specific characteristics or unforeseen events, and as such timings are difficult to predict.

#### 2.5 There are a number of SuDS components with the surface water drainage system including:

- Deep trap gullies and Beanie kerbs for development roads
- Permeable paving for driveways
- Cellular attenuation tank
- Main attenuation basin with permanently wet area



# **3** Surface Water Drainage Strategy

The surface water drainage strategy for the development and the SuDS management train is described below:

#### **Roofs:**

• Runoff from roofs discharge through downpipes to a traditional piped system to the main piped system. Where possible roof downpipes from the front of plots will discharge to the permeable driveway areas.

#### **Drives, Parking Areas and Private Roads:**

- Driveways, parking areas and some sections of private road will be constructed using permeable block paving or traditional deep trapped gullies discharging into a permeable type stone sub base.
- This type of construction will provide an effective method of removing the urban pollutants prior to discharging downstream to the main drainage system.

#### **Development Roads:**

• Roads within the development will be constructed and drained via a standard macadam construction draining via gullies and Beanie kerbs.



# 4 SUDS Management & Maintenance

## 4.1 Road Gullies & Beanie Kerbs

Road gully maintenance will comprises of the removal of large debris and litter by hand picker and sucking out the sediment / oil contents of the gully into a tanker, ensuring that the outlet is clear and then re-filling the gully pot with clean water up to the level of the outlet.

During the first year of operation each gully should be inspected every 3 months, and every 6 months thereafter for structural integrity and cleaned out as required.

# 4.2 Cellular Attenuation Tank

The key maintenance requirement for the cellular attenuation tank will be the visual inspection of the internal units via built in access chambers and integral maintenance tunnel for the removal of sediment and jetting as required. A visual inspection of the impermeable geomembrane that envelopes the structure should also be carried out to check for structural integrity, where possible.

The attenuation tank is to be constructed from cellular units that allow internal CCTV and jetting access for inspection and maintenance (SDS Geolight, Hydro Stormbloc<sup>®</sup>, Wavin Aquacell or similar approved).

The built in modular inspection unit and maintenance tunnels within the attenuation tank allow almost the entire volume of the structure to be inspected via CCTV camera and flushed through.

A catchpit chamber is to be installed immediately upstream of the attenuation tank to reduce the amount of silt entering the tank and it will generally only be necessary to ensure that the upstream catchpits / silt traps are free from debris such as leaves or sediment.

It is recommended that the attenuation tank system be inspected no less frequently than at monthly intervals for the first 3 months and thereafter at 6 monthly intervals. In addition, it is suggested that the installation is inspected immediately following the first storm event, whenever this should occur post installation.

It should also be noted that more regular inspections may be required should the catchpit(s) fill more frequently and/or if the initial inspections reveal that maintenance / cleaning will be required more regularly than at six month intervals.

Flushing of the system can be achieved using a jetting system with a 150 bar pump pressure (ie. approximately 80 bar at the nozzle) at a discharge flow of 300 l/min. The jet nozzle should be introduced to the system via the Inspection manhole and the integral inspection / maintenance tunnel.

Any silt & debris should be flushed to the inspection or catchpit manhole and removed in accordance with the Management Company policy for waste management.



Maintenance schedule	Required action	Recommended Frequency
	Inspect and identify any areas that are not operating correctly. If required, take remedial action.	Monthly for 3 months, then six monthly
	Debris removal from catchment surface (where may cause risks to performance)	Monthly
Regular maintenance	Where rainfall infiltrates into blocks from above, check surface of filter for blockage by silt, algae or other matter. Remove and replace surface infiltration medium as necessary.	Monthly (and after large storms)
	Remove sediment from pre-treatment structures	Annually, or as required
Remedial actions	Repair/rehabilitation of inlets, outlet , overflows and vents	As required
Monitoring	Inspect/check all inlets, outlets, vents and overflows to ensure that they are in good condition and operating as designed	Annually and after large storms

Cellular Systems - Operation and Maintenance Requirements

#### 4.3 Attenuation Basin

Key Maintenance Requirements:

- Grass mowing / vegetation management
- Litter / debris removal and sediment monitoring

Regular inspection and maintenance is important for the effective operation of the basin as designed.

Many of the maintenance activities for swales can be undertaken as part of landscape maintenance and, if landscape management is already required at site, should have marginal cost implications.

These activities will be carried out at intervals detailed below, and shall comprise of the following operations:

- Collection and removal of all litter/large debris from the attenuation pond, inlets, outflows, and water margins once a month.
- Monthly Inspection of the attenuation ponds to check the following, and repair as necessary:

- Any failure in the operation of the inlet and outlet headwalls unless adopted by others in which case they will be notified of any observed defect.

- Any damage or erosion to the perimeter edges and slopes of the attenuation ponds.



An annual check carried out by a suitably qualified person, to assess the condition and operation of the inlets and outflows, and the accumulation of silt/sediment. A record of maintenance visits and remedial operations shall be maintained.

The above operations shall (where feasible) be in conjunction with routine grounds maintenance operations to the surrounding landscape.

Maintenance schedule	Required action	Frequency
	Litter and debris removal.	Monthly.
	Grass cutting - for spillways and access routes.	Monthly (during growing season), or as required.
Regular	Grass cutting - meadow grass in and around basin.	Half yearly (spring – before nesting season, and autumn).
maintenance	Manage other vegetation and remove nuisance plants.	Monthly (at start, then as required).
	Tidy all dead growth before start of growing season.	Annually.
	Remove sediment from inlets, outlet and forebay.	Annually (or as required).
	Manage wetland plants in outlet pool - where provided.	Annually.
	Re-seed areas of poor vegetation growth.	Annually, or as required.
Occasional maintenance	Prune and trim trees and remove cuttings.	2 years, or as required.
maintenance	Remove sediment from forebay, when 50 % full and from micropools if volume reduced by > 25%.	3 – 10 years (or as required).
	Repair of erosion or other damage by re-seeding or re-turfing.	As required.
Remedial actions	Realignment of rip-rap.	As required.
actions	Repair/rehabilitation of inlets, outlets and overflows.	As required.
	Re-level uneven surfaces and reinstate design levels.	As required.
	Inspect inlets, outlets and overflows for blockages, and clear if required.	Monthly/after large storms.
Monitoring	Inspect banksides, structures, pipework etc for evidence of physical damage.	Monthly/after large storms.
	Inspect inlets and facility surface for silt accumulation. Establish appropriate silt removal frequencies.	Half yearly.
	Check penstocks and other mechanical devices.	Half yearly.

Infiltration Basin & Swale Maintenance Requirements

In addition to regular routine items, de-silting of the swale may be required, usually on a 10-15 year cycle depending on the on-going silt level checking.



The desilting work will be carried out in accordance with a pre-agreed method statement. Such a method statement should be submitted in writing to the local authority and agreed in advance of the commencement of the works.

Prior to desilting works commencing, a suitably qualified ecologist shall be appointed to undertake an assessment of the ecological interest within the pond and its margins. In the event that the attenuation ponds develop particular ecological interest, then careful consideration will be given to the timing of this operation.

Sediments excavated from swales that receive runoff from residential or standard road and roof areas are generally not toxic or hazardous material and can be safely disposed of by either land application or landfilling.

However, consultation should take place with the environmental regulator to confirm appropriate protocols.

# 4.4 Permeable Block Paving

Key Maintenance Requirements:

- Sweeping
- Regular brushing and vacuuming (to be carried out by a specialist contractor)

Regular inspection and maintenance is important for the effective operation of permeable pavements and should be inspected regularly, preferably during and after heavy rainfall to check effective operation and to identify any areas of ponding.

Permeable block paving needs to be regularly cleaned of silt and other sediments to preserve infiltration capability and should have a minimum of three surface sweepings per year.

A brush and suction cleaner, which can be a lorry-mounted device or a smaller precinct sweeper, should be used and the sweeping regime should be as follows:

- 1. End of winter (April) to collect winter debris.
- 2. Mid-summer (July/August) to collect dust, flower and grass-type deposits.
- 3. After autumn leaf fall (November).

Care should be taken in adjusting vacuuming equipment to avoid removal of jointing Material and any lost material should be replaced.

To ensure the continual optimal performance of the permeable paving, it is recommended that the following maintenance should be carried out:

The following guidelines are offered as an initial regime, but maybe either increased or decreased depending on the local environment and any external contributing factors:

• A visual inspection of the paving may be carried out on a regular basis. This will confirm the effectiveness of the agitation maintenance due to variations between sites and allow any refinement of the regular agitation activity if necessary.



- The paving should be agitated (e.g. brushed, vacuumed, etc.) at least twice a year. This is to ensure no vegetation of any sort is allowed to grow and develop in the joints. Ideally, this activity should be carried out in the spring and autumn seasons.
- The paving should be inspected after any heavy precipitation to ensure no displacement of any organic matter onto the surface of the pavement.
- For winter maintenance, the controlled use of de-icing may be used without causing significant detrimental effects towards the permeable pavements performance. When used carefully, the use of these chlorides will not result in an increase in the chloride levels in the local ground.
- Weed growth when sedimentation occurs in areas of permeable paving then there is the potential for weed growth, this will typically occur where there are overhanging trees or soft landscaping slopes down on to the paving or in areas which do not receive over run from vehicles particularly frequently. Weeds can be removed from the surface through the controlled application of proprietary non-persistent contact herbicides. Those containing Glyphosate are the most suitable.

Glyphosate based herbicides are the most common for general-purpose use, they are most effective on grasses and perennial weeds with non-woody stems. Weeds should be sprayed when they are actively growing, in dry but not sunny conditions, so that the Glyphosate will go down to the root and kill the weed completely. Glyphosate will be neutralized upon contact with the ground, which makes it safe to plant in the area soon after treatment. It is available ready mixed or as a concentrate.

Depending on the amount of usage and the environment the permeable pavement has received and been exposed to, the laying course material may require either replacement or cleaning after a 25 to 30 year period. This would be evident if the infiltration rate of the paving became prolonged, allowing ponding to develop.

Should this occur, the uplifting and cleaning (or replacing, depending on the costings of the activity) of the laying course maybe considered.

The laying course material, jointing and blocks may be reused (once cleaned), minimising costs.

If reconstruction is necessary, the following procedure should be followed:

- 1. Lift surface layer and laying course.
- 2. Remove any geotextile filter layer.
- 3. Inspect sub-base and remove, wash and replace if required.
- 4. Renew any geotextile layer.
- 5. Renew laying course, jointing material and concrete block paving.

Materials removed from the voids or the layers below the surface may contain heavy metals and hydrocarbons and may need to be disposed of as controlled waste. Sediment testing should be carried out before disposal to confirm its classification and appropriate disposal methods.



## 4.5 Driveways & Private Roads

Driveways & Private Roads will either be constructed as permeable block paving (outlined above) or constructed as an impervious surface drained via traditional deep trapped / yard gullies discharging into a permeable high-void aggregate sub-base layer beneath. This sub-base allows for filtration of pollutants from the runoff which is infiltrated to the sub strata below.

General yard gully and linear channel maintenance involves the removal of dead leaves, soil, litter from the gratings and sediments from the sump within the gully pot or channel. This involves the removal all protective covers and grids and the cleaning out of channels or gully pots by hand or with suitable jetting equipment.

During the first year of operation each gully and channel should be inspected every 3 months, and every 6 months thereafter for structural integrity and cleaned out as required.

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