



## SuDS update October 2022

### Our approach to surface water asset adoption has now changed

We can no longer adopt piped sewers that discharge to or through privately owned SuDS. Any new Section 104 sewer adoption application containing in line SuDS forming part of a continuous sewer network must be included within the adoption agreement. SuDS components will be assessed against the standards within the Sewerage Sector Guidance.

### **Early engagement is essential**

We encourage you to use our free [Section 104 pre-design application form](#) available on our website, so we can start to discuss requirements and guide you throughout the process.

### **More design support & Guidance**

We have updated our SuDS webpage and added new guidance documents for [bio-retention systems & filter drains](#). Customers now have a complete suite of guidance for all SuDS components contained within the Design & Construction Guidance (DCG) which includes company specific adoption requirements.

You can view the latest documents here in our [SuDS Technical Library](#)

## What types of SuDS can we adopt?

United Utilities can adopt the following SuDS, subject to them being designed and constructed to an adoptable standard:



Property level SuDS such as green roofs, rainwater harvesting systems, water butts are not adoptable. SuDS components also excluded from adoption are permeable pavements, filter strips, proprietary treatment systems (such as oil separators), geocellular tanks (for attenuation only) or any overflow exceedance SuDS features.

## What do we mean by adoption?

Adoption is limited to maintaining the SuDS function as a sewer. All management of the amenity, including grass cutting and litter picking remains the responsibility of the landowner or developer. The landowner or developer will also remain responsible for all planning conditions associated with open space and landscaping features which may be through a management company which is common on new development sites. We secure the relevant rights to access sewers (including SuDS) in private land through a deed of grant easement with the land owner.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about SuDS adoption, please get in touch at [seweradoptions@uuplc.co.uk](mailto:seweradoptions@uuplc.co.uk)