

NEW SEWER SECTOR GUIDANCE...

ENGLAND & WALES (EXCEPT WELSH WATER REGIONS)

New and updated approach to Foul and Surface Water design and construction.

Key Points...

Sewers for Adoption 7th Edition has been used since the enactment of Section 42 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 (adoption of all shared sewerage) in Wales and all other Sewerage Undertakers have jumped straight from Sewers for Adoption 6th Edition to the DCG: 'The Code'.

Section 42 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 remains to be enacted in England. Sewers for Adoption 7th Edition remains in use by Dwr Cymru Welsh Water (DCWW).

Majority of England and parts of Wales (Except Welsh Water Regions- parts of the Wirral, Cheshire, Herefordshire & Gloucestershire)

Greater emphasis on adoption of Green/ Soft SuDS on new developments in England.



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Background

As of 1st April 2020, *Sewers for Adoption 6* has been replaced by "*Design and Construction Guidance* for foul and surface water sewers offered for adoption under the Code for adoption agreements for water and sewerage companies operating wholly or mainly in England ("*the Code*")" (*DCG*).

This now forms part of the new Sewer Sector Guidance (SSG) consisting of various consultation/approval/vetting/consultation stages to the whole S102/S104/S106 adoption and sewer connection process.

What does this mean for developers?

1. Alignment with the National planning Policy Framework, better promoting collaboration at Pre-development/planning stages.
2. The opportunity for a good proportion of Shared Green/Soft SuDS features to be adopted by Sewerage Undertakers. These are expected to vary between Regions/regulated private wastewater service providers.
3. Will not affect pre-existing S104 applications which may not have yet obtained final approval.

Technical

Separate attenuation systems for 1 in 30 year return periods and those above are a thing of the past. Sewerage Undertakers will now adopt all attenuation required for the development as prescribed by the Local Planning Authority by National (Currently NPPF) and Local planning policy.

Money

Opportunity to put SuDS features up for adoption by the Sewerage Undertaker/Wastewater Service provider.

Risk

Reduced liability for the developer and the homeowner.

Value

Reduced customer bills and/or reduced number of companies involved in the ongoing management and maintenance of 'sewers'.

Compliance

Draws near to implementation of Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water management Act 2010 (SuDS design approval/adoption by SuDS Approval Body).

Environment

Alternative design provided to promote sustainable drainage to reduce run-off through evaporation, infiltration, absorption and transpiration by plants.

Sewerage Undertaker Addendum's to the DCG are still largely in development. Supporting information can be found on the statutory sewerage undertakers websites (e.g. United Utilities) or via the Water UK website.

Water UK have also released an additional SuDS guidance document for the new SSG, "Sewerage Sector Guidance - A changed approach to surface water sewers"