

# Summary

This guidance covers the planning, design, construction and maintenance of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) to assist with their effective implementation within both new and existing developments. It looks at how to maximise amenity and biodiversity benefits, and deliver the key objectives of managing flood risk and water quality. There is also supporting information covering topics such as materials, landscape design, maintenance, community engagement and costs and benefits.

The information presented in this publication is a compendium of good practice, based on existing guidance and research both in the UK and internationally, and the practical experience of the authors, project steering group and industry.