

## All SUDS by 2011

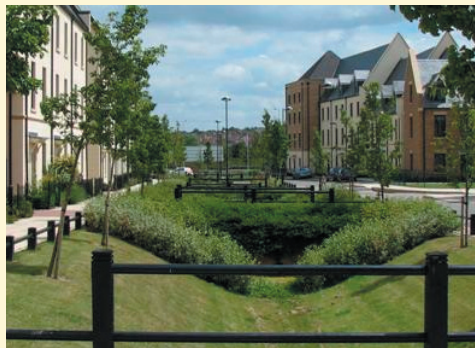
Development control engineers are significantly effected by the Flood and Water Management Bill currently going through Parliament with all-party support.

- From 2011 permeable paving, swales or French drains must take the place of traditional drainage in all new developments.
- Unitary and county authorities will be required to act as SUDS Approval Bodies (SABs) adopting and maintaining all new SUDS schemes:
- Highway drainage in general will be required to use SUDS applying new standards which will be developed by 2011. The new standards will provide the basis for approval, adoption and connection to the public sewer. Authorities will be able to charge for a SUDS consent.

A few authorities have already published guidance on SUDS for new developments and Lamb Drove in Cambridgeshire is being monitored with a view to contributing to the new Defra standards envisaged for 2011.

How prepared are you for the new regime?

IHE's Development Management Group has arranged a special seminar on 21 April in London to brief engineers on their options and reviewing emerging good practice.



## Changes to CSCS for Managers and Professionals

To simplify the process of applying for CSCS cards for construction managers and professionals, CSCS is implementing two major changes to the Scheme in early 2010. The platinum card will be withdrawn so that all levels of manager will apply for a black CSCS card. All competence assessed members of relevant professional bodies including IHE will in future apply for the Professionally Qualified Persons (PQP) card. They will also need to pass the Managerial and Professionals (MAP) health and safety test.

Managers or professionals who have previously obtained a platinum or black occupation card via their Professional membership status will be able to renew with a black card. Otherwise, to gain a CSCS black card applicants need to achieve S/NVQ Level 4 or 5 in a relevant occupation.

There's also a new three year CSCS card specifically for graduates who are new to the construction industry. Graduates need at least an IEng level degree.

## STATS 19

DfT's *Reported Road Casualties GB 2008* publication carried several interesting articles highlighting the continuing confusion about how many people are injured on British roads. The problem has also been highlighted by the UK Statistical Authority who called the DfT to account in 2009.

STATS 19 being currently under review, DfT is quoted in *LTT539* as saying reform may be phased in from January 2011 as the police are introducing 'CRASH' (on-scene data recording) at the same time. Both systems must be in place by 1 January 2013.

Changes mooted for STATS 19 in the article are:

- splitting 'serious' injuries into subcategories
- recording use of cycle helmets
- new contributory factors such as slippery ironwork or road markings.

## From DfT

- Check out DfT research on **motorcyclists' motivations** and attitudes (TRL Report PPR 442)
- **Active Travel Strategy** launched by Transport Minister Sadiq Khan, sets out new aims for public sector employers and includes £12.5M for school cycle training (already announced).
- **Sustainable Travel Towns** – A project evaluation has been published showing percentage gains in walking and cycling but no cost benefit analysis. Full report in March 2010.
- Consultation on reducing **bus and HGV speed limits** to 65mph and 60mph respectively has been opened.
- The DfT has invited groups of neighbouring local authorities to come forward with plans for **joint permit schemes** to minimise traffic disruption caused by streetworks and roadworks. The invitation comes in a new guide to permit schemes that draws on lessons learned from the initial permit applications made by Kent and London. Both schemes recently went live following Secretary of State approval. [www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/roads/network/local/streetworks/permitscheme/](http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/roads/network/local/streetworks/permitscheme/)

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Council members need to commit at least 4 days a year to national meetings and days or evenings to local Branch events. Travel expenses are covered by IHE. All Council members serve on at least one standing committee which meets on the same day as Council.