

Surface Water Management

With the Flood and Water Management Act receiving Royal assent came awards to a further 49 local authorities of £5.3m either to carry out immediate engineering works or to produce surface water management plans. Defra simultaneously published the final guidance on producing SWMPs based largely on the six pilot studies in West Berkshire, Hull, Richmond, Gloucestershire, Warrington and Leeds. *Surveyor* reported that "West Berkshire Council's pilot SWMP for Thatcham concluded that 'a combination of engineering options, retro-fitting resistance measures to individual properties, planning policy, emergency planning and increased public awareness would reduce the risk of flooding. The construction of retention centres was the main engineering intervention.'" Go to the Drainage page on www.theihe.org for the guidance.



Industry News

- The DfT has launched an Excel-based benchmarking tool allowing local authorities in England to compare their performance on the ten national transport indicators.
- DCLG has published guidance on how the Community Infrastructure Levy system and a reformed Section 106 system of planning obligations will operate. CIL came into force in England and Wales on 6 April and will be the primary mechanism through which developer contributions are raised for transport and other infrastructure. The scope for planning obligations (Section 106 contributions) is to be narrowed.
- The Welsh Assembly Government has published its National Transport Plan. Headline components of the five-year plan include the development of a number of 'sustainable travel areas' and the introduction of "active traffic management" on busy routes to improve safety and traffic flows, including average speed cameras and variable speed limits by 2014. Road improvements will be concentrated on the north-south A470 artery.
- Seven major South East councils are to form a consortium to buy shared services, including those related to highways construction and maintenance, and waste management. The SE7 group of councils includes Surrey, East and West Sussex, Kent, Hampshire, Medway and Brighton and Hove.
- NAL invites you to a passive safety demonstration (half) day at its Worcester site. Demonstrations include Post installers, retention sockets for signal poles, Access chambers, lighting column for shallow foundations, pedestrian guardrails and flexible bollards. sales@nal.ltd.uk
- Read Road Safety GBs powered two wheeler seminar for current ideas in the 3Es. Go to Free Resources then Motorcycling on www.roadsafetygb.org.uk

Building Safer Roads

- Victoria (Australia) has recorded its lowest death toll in history thanks in part to its investment in a *Safer Road Infrastructure Programme*. It's a proactive approach targeting safety, integrating barriers at roadsides and in mediums, removing or protecting trees and improving lane markings. www.racv.com.au
- Looking forward, 2011 – 2020 will be the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety. www.irap.org/news
- Passive safety guidance for local authorities has been launched with a forward by Tony Sharp, IHE President. Not everyone is a fan. David Bowie, Central Bedfordshire argues in the April *Lighting Journal* that careful highway design can achieve equivalent levels of safety at less cost.



contacts and links

www.theihe.org

www.theihe-southern.org.uk

www.homezones.org.uk

www.motorcyclinguidelines.org.uk

Sign up for Discussion groups

<http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/ukhighwaydevcon/> - Development Control Group moderated by IHE

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/homezones-discuss-1/> - An independent Home Zones site

<http://www.theihe.org/tsgforum/> - ADEPT (CSS) Traffic Signals Forum

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