



ANEC SuDS event

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Key messages from workshop session

Below is a summary of the key messages from the workshop groups.

Funding: there is a lack of funding for implementing SuDS. Commuted sums and section 106 agreements can be used to obtain funding for SuDS. However, funding for SuDS is not considered to be a key priority in comparison to other forms of infrastructure, particularly in this current economic climate.

Ownership: The responsibility for SuDS is not clearly defined. Therefore, greater clarity is needed in relation to the responsibilities of adopting and maintaining SuDS.

Draft Flood and Water Management Bill: there is limited understanding or awareness on the implications of the draft bill. Specific concerns were raised in relation to funding the roles and responsibilities proposed in the bill and the SuDS approving body.

Education and skills – there is a lack of knowledge and skills gap on SuDS. Training needs to be provided for local authority officers, developers and elected members.

Partnership and joint working – the region needs to work together in sharing information at all stages e.g. the planning application and local development framework stage. An agreement (at a regional level) to enforce the provision of SuDS should be established.

Stakeholder engagement – we need to engage more effectively with the community and raise their awareness of SuDS and their benefits. It is also important that we engage with organisations such as the RTPi, RIBA and the Landscape Institute.

Guidance – there is a need for guidance at a national, regional and local level. These should include examples of best practice and should highlight costs, procedures and processes involved in successfully adopting SuDS.