



# Operation and Maintenance Manual for the Adoptable Surface Water Drainage SUDS Features

## **Land of Neddy Lane Billington BB7 2RA**

**Adopting Water Authority: United Utilities**

**Included Within Water Authority Adoption: Underground drainage system, Basin and headwalls.**

**Planning Reference: 3/2024/0257**

### **Site context:**

The proposed development site is located off Whalley Road and Dale View, with Neddy Lane forming the central access point. The surrounding area comprises established residential dwellings, with Greenfield land situated to the north. To the west of Calder Grange lies Saint Augustine's Roman Catholic High School.

The nearest settlement is Whalley, with Clitheroe positioned to the north and Blackburn and Accrington to the south. The approximate grid reference for the site entrance is **(372557.0504, 435901.1598)**.

Existing site levels have been established through a detailed topographic survey undertaken by SurveyEng Ltd in December 2019. The survey confirms that the site generally falls from north to south, indicating a gradual slope across the development area.

Levels range from approximately **42.12m AOD** at the northern boundary to **53.71m AOD** at the southern extent. This variation in elevation will be an important consideration in the design process, particularly in relation to drainage strategy, access arrangements, and overall site layout.

Ground conditions across the site were found to be variable. The surface materials consisted of either made ground or topsoil, depending on location. Beneath these layers, the site generally comprised medium dense sand, transitioning into either soft clays or sand and gravel at greater depths. Sand and gravel deposits were concentrated through the central area of the site, while soft clays were more prevalent toward the northern section. No investigations were carried out in the southern part of the main site. As reported by Betts Geo Environmental dated September 2022.

According to the Environment Agency's Flood Map for Planning, most of the site lies within **Flood Zone 1**, which is classified as land with a very low probability of river or sea flooding (less than 0.1% annual chance).

The northern part of the site extends into **Flood Zones 2 and marginally Zone 3**. Flood Zone 2 represents land with a medium probability of river flooding (between 1% and 0.1% annual chance), while Flood Zone 3 indicates areas with a higher probability of flooding (1% or greater annual chance).

The proposed adoptable drainage system for the development will discharge surface water at a controlled rate to ensure compliance with local and national standards. Any flows exceeding this discharge rate will be managed through on-site attenuation measures, designed to accommodate storm events up to and including the 1-in-100-year return period, with an additional allowance for climate change.

The proposed drainage infrastructure is intended to be adopted by United Utilities under a Section 104 Agreement in accordance with the Water Industry Act 1991.



Dale View, Billington (Calder Grange)  
Site Overview and Red Line Boundary





**Timetable for delivery**

<b><u>Feature</u></b>	<b><u>Implementation Timescale</u></b>	<b><u>Eastings and Northings (X and Y)</u></b>	<b><u>Point of Connection</u></b>	<b><u>Connection Method</u></b>	<b><u>Adoption Timescale</u></b>
Construction of Attenuation Basin.	Within 12-20 weeks of site start.	See appendix C – As built Attenuation Basin Drawing	Local Flood Authority Controlled Shaw Brook.	300mm Headwall outfall into watercourse.	To be adopted by united utilities and management company within 24 months of last plot occupation.
Construction of Headwall 1. (HW1)	Constructed 2024	(372453, 435978)	N/A	Connection from attenuation basin to water course.	Pre maintenance booked in with united utilities for January 2026. Maintenance period, January 2026 to January 2027. Formal adoption to proceed in 2027.
Construction of Headwall 2. (HW2)	Constructed 2024	(372450, 435973)	N/A	Connection from attenuation basin to water course.	As above.
Construction of Flow Control.	Constructed 2024	See appendix B S104 As Built Drawing	Scheme as per S104 plans.	N/A	As above.
Adoptable Surface water sewers.	Completion within 24 months of site start.	See appendix B S104 As Built Drawing	Scheme as per S104 Plans.	Surface water sewers to drain to attenuation basins.	To be adopted by united utilities within 24months of last plot occupation.



Routine inspection and maintenance are critical to ensuring the effective performance of surface water attenuation ponds. Where practicable, monitoring points should be incorporated to facilitate ongoing assessment. Responsibility for the maintenance of an attenuation pond must be assigned to a suitably qualified and accountable organization. In addition, sufficient access should be provided to all areas of the pond to accommodate necessary equipment and maintenance vehicles. The operational and maintenance requirements for attenuation ponds, as outlined in *CIRIA C753 – The SuDS Manual*, are presented below.

<b><u>Maintenance Type</u></b>	<b><u>Required Action</u></b>	<b><u>Typical Frequency</u></b>	<b><u>Pre-Adoption Responsible Party</u></b>	<b><u>Post Adoption Responsible Party</u></b>
<b>Regular Maintenance</b>	Remove Litter and debris	Monthly	Landscape Contractor	Management Company
	Cut Grass – Grass in and around basin	Half Yearly (Spring – Before nesting season and autumn)	Landscape Contractor	Management Company
	Manage other vegetation and remove nuisance plants	Monthly	Landscape Contractor	Management Company
	Inspect inlets, outlets, and overflows for blockages and clear if required	Monthly	Groundworks Contractor	Management Company/ United Utilities
	Inspect banksides, structures, pipework ect. for evidence of physical damage	Monthly	Groundworks Contractor	Management Company
	Check any penstocks and other mechanical devices	Annually	Groundworks Contractor	United Utilities
	Remove sediment from inlets, outlet, headwalls, silt pits and flow controls	Annually	Groundworks Contractor	United Utilities
<b>Occasional Maintenance</b>	Reseed areas of poor grass growth	As required	Landscape Contractor	Management Company
	Check for siltation build up within basin area and establish removal frequencies	Every 2 years or as required. Likely to be required more often during the earlier construction phases.	Groundworks Contractor	Management Company



### Inspection Pro-forma

Inspection Area	Date of Last Check (DD/MM/YYYY)	Date of Check (DD/MM/YYYY)	Comments and Remedial Actions
Remove Litter and debris (Monthly)			
Cut Grass – Grass in and around basin (Bi-Annual)			
Manage other vegetation and remove nuisance plants (Monthly)			



<p>Inspect inlets, outlets, and overflows for blockages and clear if required (Monthly)</p>			
<p>Inspect banksides, structures, pipework ect. for evidence of physical damage (Monthly)</p>			
<p>Check any penstocks and other mechanical devices (Annual)</p>			



<p>Remove sediment from inlets, outlet, headwalls, silt pits and flow controls (Annual)</p>			
<p>Reseed areas of poor grass growth (Every Visit)</p>			
<p>Check for siltation build up within basin area and establish removal frequencies (As Required)</p>			



## Emergency Contact Details

### During Construction and Pre-Adoption

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## SUDS Features Operational Guidance

Site-specific Risk Assessments and Method Statements (RAMS) must be prepared and reviewed by a suitably qualified person prior to the commencement of any works, to ensure that all site conditions are properly assessed and appropriately addressed. General guidance to maintenance and operation of SUDS features are listed below.

### Basins

#### 1. Scope of Works

- To safely access and carry out routine maintenance within an attenuation basin constructed with 1:3 side slopes.

#### 2. Responsibilities

- Site Supervisor: Ensure all safety measures are in place and followed.
- Operatives: Carry out maintenance tasks as instructed and report any hazards.

#### 3. Access Method

- Access will be via a designated maintenance track or reinforced grass crete path leading to the basin.
- A safe entry point will be established at the shallowest section of the basin, with a graded ramp or steps if necessary.
- Where required, temporary edge protection or barriers will be installed at the crest of the slope.

#### 4. Equipment Required

- Strimmer or brush cutter
- Litter picking tools
- Mobile access platform or tracked vehicle (if required)
- PPE: Hi-vis clothing, gloves, boots, hard hat, and fall protection if working near steep edges or water

#### 5. Maintenance Activities

- Vegetation management (grass cutting, removal of invasive species)
- Litter and debris removal
- Inspection of flow control devices and inlets/outlets
- Silt level checks and removal if necessary

#### 6. Safety Measures

- Slopes of 1:3 are generally walkable but may become slippery when wet—non-slip footwear is mandatory.
- No lone working—minimum of two operatives on site.
- Weather conditions to be assessed before entry; no access during or immediately after heavy rainfall.
- Emergency egress route to be identified and kept clear.

#### 7. Environmental Considerations

- All waste to be removed from site and disposed of in accordance with local regulations.
- Care to be taken to avoid disturbing wildlife or damaging vegetation outside the basin footprint.



## Flow Control Manholes

### 1. Scope of Works

- To safely access a flow control manhole for inspection, maintenance, and servicing of the flow control device and bypass valve.

### 2. Responsibilities

- Site Supervisor: Ensure all safety procedures are followed, and equipment is in good condition.
- Operatives: Carry out maintenance tasks and report any defects or hazards.

### 3. Access Method

- Access to the manhole will be via a designated maintenance route or hardstanding area.
- Manhole cover to be lifted using appropriate lifting keys and equipment.
- Confined space entry is not permitted unless a full confined space risk assessment and permit-to-work system is in place.

### 4. Equipment Required

- Manhole lifting keys
- Gas detector (for confined space atmosphere testing)
- Tripod and harness (if confined space entry is required)
- Tools for valve and device maintenance (e.g., spanners, grease, cleaning tools)
- PPE: Hi-vis clothing, gloves, safety boots, hard hat, eye protection

### 5. Maintenance Activities

- Visual inspection of the flow control device and bypass valve
- Removal of debris or blockages
- Functional check of the bypass valve (open/close operation)
- Lubrication and cleaning of moving parts
- Record findings and any defects

### 6. Safety Measures

- Area to be cordoned off with barriers and signage
- Gas detection to be carried out before opening the manhole
- No lone working—minimum of two operatives on site
- Weather conditions to be assessed; avoid work during heavy rain or flooding
- Emergency procedures to be briefed before starting work

### 7. Environmental Considerations

- Prevent any discharge of contaminated water or debris into the drainage system
- All waste to be removed from site and disposed of in accordance with regulations



## Associated Costs

<b><u>Component</u></b>	<b><u>Asset Owner (Benefactor)</u></b>	<b><u>Payee</u></b>	<b><u>Estimated Fee</u></b>
Basin and Public Open Space Maintenance. Design Life 100+ years	Management Company	Redrow Resident/Rate Payer	Subject to Management company review and confirmation.
Drainage and SUDS Devices. Design Life 100+ years.	United Utilities	Redrow Resident/Rate Payer	To be included in water rates. Subject to United utilities confirmation.



## Appendix A - Images of Headwalls and Attenuation Basin



Headwall 1 – Reference HW1 (Left hand side of Attenuation Basin)



Attenuation Basin (Pond)



Headwall 2 – Reference HW2 (Right hand side of Attenuation Basin)



