



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Schedule 3 Implementation An Overview

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This presentation outlines:

- 🔥 Background
- 🔥 Legislative context in Wales
- 🔥 Impact of the legislation
- 🔥 Our aspirations
- 🔥 Our challenges
- 🔥 What next?



Background

Summer
floods

2007



Primary
legislation

2010



Flood and Water Management Act
2010

CHAPTER 29

SCHEDULE 3
SUSTAINABLE DRAINAGE

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...er except—
...a public sewer, or
...a natural watercourse.

...eference to a structure includes a reference to—
...y part of an existing or proposed structure, and
...t feature or aspect of a design that is inte
...tate the receipt of rainwater.

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**Schedule 3
in Wales**

Legislative context in Wales

Underpinning the delivery of SuDS on developments in Wales we have:

- Regulations
- Standards
- Guidance
- FAQ's

- Links to other information sources

<https://gweddill.gov.wales/topics/environmentcountryside/epq/flooding/drainage/?lang=en>



Impact of the legislation

APPROVAL is required for:

- 🔥 a drainage system designed to receive rainwater +
- 🔥 used in connection with the creation of a building, or other structure, which will cover land of 100m² or more +
- 🔥 where the ability of that land to absorb rainwater will be affected.

Exceptions include where the drainage system is a public sewer or watercourse or where the construction is part of land drainage works by an internal drainage board, railway works by Network Rail or trunk roads on behalf of the Welsh Government.



Impact of the legislation

ADOPTION is mandatory for:

- any drainage system for which approval has been sought +
- that serves buildings or structures owned or controlled by more than one person or group +
- is constructed and functions in accordance with the approval +
- is a sustainable drainage system



Our aspirations

The approach sets out to deliver:

- reduced impact of development
- less reliance on piped conveyance systems
- improved amenity and biodiversity
- increased awareness of drainage
- clear maintenance responsibilities



Our challenges

Change isn't easy....and we recognise that there will be:

- mixed levels of awareness
- uncertainty over interpretation
- inconsistency in application
- reluctance by some to adapt
- a period of transition



Responding to the challenges

Working together is key:

SuDS Implementation Group

**Communications
Working Group**

**Enforcement
Working Group**

**Reporting
Working Group**

**Fees & Charges
Working Group**

Next steps

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Diolch/Thank You