

## 2.3.6 Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS)

- 2.3.6.1 The Environment Agency is keen to promote the wider use of sustainable drainage systems, which reduce the impact of surface-water run-off. Typical systems rely on storing water and allowing it to infiltrate the existing ground and/or watercourses over a period of time.
- 2.3.6.2 The County Council is willing to consider adoption of such systems constructed in accordance with the general requirements of this Code of Practice. The Council would not normally adopt water features such as infiltration basins, detention basins, retention ponds, and wetlands. The Council would require that water features be adopted either by United Utilities Ltd as part of the public sewer system or, more usually, by Parish or District Councils as Public Open Space.
- 2.3.6.3 The County Council will seek to develop guidelines for the design, construction and maintenance of SuDS but pending the development of such guidelines, any proposals for adoption of a highway to be drained other than by a positive piped drainage system shall be referred to the Environment Director for approval.
- 2.3.6.4 Where systems other than positive drainage systems are adopted, a commuted sum to cover the future maintenance of such installations will be required.