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1 INTRODUCTION

This management strategy has been prepared by RSK Land and Development Engineering Ltd on behalf of Taylor Wimpey South East, to satisfy planning conditions related to Hillborough, Herne Bay, Phase 1 (The Development).

The SUDS considered for the purposes of this statement, include drainage features that will be employed to reduce and manage surface water runoff from the development to a design return period of One hundred years plus climate change. This is required so that The Development will not increase the risk of flooding to the site and its environs. All drainage on site is taken to the underlying strata via infiltration features. Such features include the following:

- Permeable paving;
- Infiltration/Detention Basins and Swales
- Filter strips and drains

This document outlines the long term maintenance of the proposed surface water system and will make reference to the following documents, some of which provide further detail on the maintenance operations required:

- CIRIA Report C753, *'The SUDS Manual'*, 2015
- CIRIA Report C625, *'Model Agreements for Sustainable Water Management Systems'*, 2004; and
- Interpave, *'Permeable pavements: Guide to the Design, Construction and Maintenance of Concrete Block Permeable Pavements'*, ed. 4, 2006.

2 MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibility for drainage within England and Wales rests with various bodies. For The Development, the drainage responsibilities will be divided between the following:

- **Private Landowner** – each Householder will be responsible for the maintenance of drainage features within individual property curtilages.
- **Communal Areas** - A Management company will be set up for the Development to maintain all permeable paving, stormwater attenuation tanks, detention basins, outfalls and any associated flow controls within communal areas. However, it should be noted that if, the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 is ever fully implemented this allows a surface water drainage system to be vested to the SUDS approving body (SAB) in this case West Sussex County Council. This would be reviewed at the time of any implementation of the act.

3 MAINTENANCE REGIME

As the maintenance of the communal SUDS features will be carried out via a Management Company, the form of agreement should include the required maintenance listed below. Should the maintenance be transferred at a later date to a public body, then the model agreement SUDS MA1 should be used, details of which can be found in the CIRIA guidance C625.

The following section describes the required maintenance for each feature in turn. The SUDS maintenance requirements listed below should be reviewed after the first 5 years, with a view to agreeing a new regime for the ongoing maintenance.

Notwithstanding the routine inspections and maintenance requirements, after severe storm events all features shall be inspected to clear debris and repair damaged structures or features. Records of the maintenance carried out shall be prepared by the Management Company.

3.1 Permeable Paving

Maintenance schedule	Required action	Typical frequency
Regular maintenance	Brushing and vacuuming (standard cosmetic sweep over whole surface)	Once a year, after autumn leaf fall, or reduced frequency as required, based on site-specific observations of clogging or manufacturer's recommendations – pay particular attention to areas where water runs onto pervious surface from adjacent impermeable areas as this area is most likely to collect the most sediment
Occasional maintenance	Stabilise and mow contributing and adjacent areas	As required
	Removal of weeds or management using glyphosate applied directly into the weeds by an applicator rather than spraying	As required – once per year on less frequently used pavements
Remedial Actions	Remediate any landscaping which, through vegetation maintenance or soil slip, has been raised to within 50mm of the level of the paving	As required
	Remedial work to any depressions, rutting and cracked or broken blocks considered detrimental to the structural performance or a hazard to users, and replace lost jointing material.	As required
	Rehabilitation of surface and upper substructure by remedial sweeping.	Every 10 to 15 years or as required (if infiltration performance is reduced due to significant clogging)
Monitoring	Initial inspection	Monthly for three months after installation
	Inspect for evidence of poor operation and/or weed growth – if required, take remedial action	Three monthly 48h after large storms in first six months

Maintenance schedule	Required action	Typical frequency
	Inspect silt accumulation rates and establish appropriate brushing frequencies	Annually
	Monitor inspection chambers	Annually

3.2 Detention Basins

Maintenance schedule	Required action	Typical frequency
Regular maintenance	Remove litter and debris	Monthly
	Cut grass – for spillways and access routes	Monthly (during growing season), as or required
	Cut grass – meadow grass in and around basin	Half yearly (spring – before nesting season, and autumn)
	Manage other vegetation and remove nuisance plants	Monthly (at start, then as required)
	Inspect inlets, outlets and overflows for blockages, and clear if required	Monthly
	Inspect banksides, structures, pipework etc for evidence of physical damage	Monthly
	Inspect inlets and facility surface for silt accumulation. Establish appropriate silt removal frequencies.	Monthly (for first year), the annually or as required
	Check any penstocks and other mechanical devices	Annually
	Tidy all dead growth before start of growing season	Annually
	Remove sediment from inlets, outlet and forebay	Annually (or as required)
	Manage wetland plants in outlet pool – where provided	Annually
Occasional Maintenance	Reseed areas of poor vegetation growth	As required
	Prune and trim any trees and remove cuttings	Every 2 years, or as required
	Remove sediment from inlets, outlets, forebay and main basin when required	Every 5 years, or as required (likely to be minimal requirements where effective upstream source control is provided)
Remedial actions	Repair erosion or other damage by reseeding or re turfing	As required
	Realignment of rip-rap	As required
	Repair/rehabilitation of inlets, outlets and overflows	As required
	Relevel uneven surfaces and reinstate design levels	As required

3.3 Swales

Maintenance schedule	Required action	Typical frequency
Regular maintenance	Remove litter and debris	Monthly, or as required
	Cut grass- to retain grass height within specified design range	Monthly (during growing season), or as required
	Manage other vegetation and remove nuisance plants	Monthly at start, then as required
	Inspect inlets, outlets and overflows for blockages, and clear if required	Monthly
	Inspect infiltration surfaces for ponding, compaction, silt accumulation, record areas where water is ponding for >48 hours	Monthly or when required
	Inspect vegetation coverage	Monthly for 6 months, quarterly for 2 years, then half yearly
	Inspection inlets and facility surface for silt accumulation, establish appropriate silt removal frequencies	Half yearly
Occasional maintenance	Reseed areas of poor vegetation growth, alter plant types to better suit conditions, if required	As required or if bare soil is exposed over 10% or more of the swale treatment area
Remedial actions	Repair erosion or other damage by re-turfing or reseeded	As required
	Relevel uneven surfaces and reinstate design level	As required
	Scarify and spike topsoil layer to improve infiltration performance, break up silt deposits and prevent compaction of soil surface	As required
	Remove build up of sediment on upstream gravel trench, flow spreader or at top of filter strip	As required
	Remove and dispose of oils or petrol residues using safe standard practices	As required

3.4 Storage Tanks

Maintenance schedule	Required action	Typical frequency
Regular maintenance	Inspect and identify any areas that are not operating correctly. If required, take remedial action	Monthly for 3 months, the annually
	Remove debris from the catchment surface (where it may cause risks to performance)	Monthly
	For systems where rainfall infiltrates into the tank from above, check surface of filter for blockage by sediment, algae or other matter; remove and replace surface infiltration medium as necessary.	Annually
	Remove sediment from pre-treatment structures and/or internal forebays	Annually, or as required
Remedial actions	Repair/rehabilitate inlets, outlet, overflows and vents	As required
Monitoring	Inspect/check all inlets, outlets, vents and overflows to ensure that they are in good condition and operating as designed	Annually
	Survey inside of tank for sediment build-up and remove if	Every 5 years or as

Maintenance schedule	Required action	Typical frequency
	necessary	required

3.5 Filter Drains

Maintenance schedule	Required action	Typical frequency
Regular maintenance	Remove litter (including leaf litter) and debris from filter drain surface, access chambers and pre-treatment devices	Monthly or as required
	Inspect filter drain surface, inlet/outlet pipework and control systems for blockages, clogging, standing water and structural damage	Monthly
	Inspect pre-treatment systems, inlets and perforated pipework for silt accumulation, and establish appropriate silt removal frequencies	Six monthly
	Remove sediment from pre-treatment devices	Six monthly or as required
Occasional maintenance	Remove or control tree roots where they are encroaching the sides of the filter drain, using recommended methods (eg NJUG, 2007 or BS 398:2010)	As required
	At locations with high pollution loads, remove surface geotextile and replace, and wash or replace overlying filter medium	Five yearly or as required
	Clear, perforated pipework of blockages	As required

3.6 Operation and Maintenance Requirements for Trees

Maintenance schedule	Required action	Typical frequency
Regular maintenance	Remove litter and debris	Monthly or as required
	Manage other vegetation and remove nuisance plants	Monthly
	Inspect inlets and outlets	Monthly
Occasional maintenance	Check tree health and manage tree appropriately	Annually
	Remove silt build-up from inlets and surface and replace mulch as necessary	Annually
	Water	As required
Monitoring	Inspect silt accumulation rates and establish appropriate removal frequencies	Half yearly

APPENDIX A

INSPECTION CHECKLIST

General information			
Site ID			
Site location and co-ordinates (GIS if appropriate)			
Elements forming the SuDS scheme		Approved drawing reference	
Inspection frequency		Approved specification reference	
Type of development		Specific purpose of any parts of the scheme (eg biodiversity, wildlife and visual aspects)	

Inspection Date	Details	Y/ N	Action required	Date completed	Details	Y/ N	Action required	Date completed
	Is there evidence of litter accumulation in the system? If yes, is this a blockage risk?							
	Is there any evidence of any other clogging or blockage of outlets or drainage paths?							
	Is the vegetation condition satisfactory (density, weed growth, coverage etc)? (check against approved planting regime)							
	Does any part of the system require weeding, pruning or mowing? (check against maintenance frequency state in approved design).							
	Is there any evidence of invasive species becoming established? If yes, state action required							
	Are any check dams or weirs in good condition?							
	Is there any evidence of any accidental damage to the system (eg wheel ruts?)							
	Is there any evidence of cross connections or other unauthorised inflows?							
	Is there any evidence of tampering with the flow control?							
	Are there any other matters that could affect the performance of the system in relation to the design objectives for hydraulic, water quality, biodiversity and visual aspects?							

