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Dear Consultee

Consultation on Delivering Sustainable Drainage Systems

I am writing to invite views on a joint Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) consultation on an approach for implementing sustainable drainage systems and mechanisms for ensuring their long term maintenance.

As part of Government's commitment to implement sustainable drainage systems at the earliest available opportunity, Defra and DCLG have worked together to examine implementation options. The Government wants to seek views on a proposal to make better use of the planning system to meet Sir Michael Pitt's recommendations on sustainable drainage. The next step is to consult on this approach. As announced in a Written Ministerial Statement on 12 September 2014, Defra and DCLG have launched a joint consultation document which sets out a possible approach for implementing sustainable drainage systems and mechanisms for ensuring their long term maintenance.

The consultation document can be found here:

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/water/delivering-sustainable-drainage-systems>

We welcome your views and comments on the proposals. If you wish to obtain a copy of this consultation, please contact suds@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

Responses

To submit your consultation response please complete the consultation questionnaire provided through Citizen Space (Citizen Space is an on-line consultation tool).

Responses should be received by 24 October 2014.

Consultation Criteria



**INVESTORS
IN PEOPLE**

This consultation is in line with the Consultations Principles. This can be found at <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/consultation-principles-guidance>.

When this consultation ends, we intend to put a copy of the responses in the Defra library. This is so that the public can see them. Also, members of the public may ask for a copy of responses under freedom of information legislation.

If you do not want your response - including your name, contact details and any other personal information – to be publicly available, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation. Please note, if your computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer, that won't count as a confidentiality request.

Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. We will take your reasons into account if someone asks for this information under freedom of information legislation. But, because of the law, we cannot promise that we will always be able to keep those details confidential.

We will summarise all responses and place this summary on our website at: www.gov.uk/defra. This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not people's personal names, addresses or other contact details.

To see consultation responses and summaries, please contact Defra's SuDS Team by email: suds@defra.gsi.gov.uk

If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to:

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Yours Faithfully

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