

# Linking Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) and ecosystem services: new connections in urban ecology

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# Introduction – Urban Diffuse Pollution

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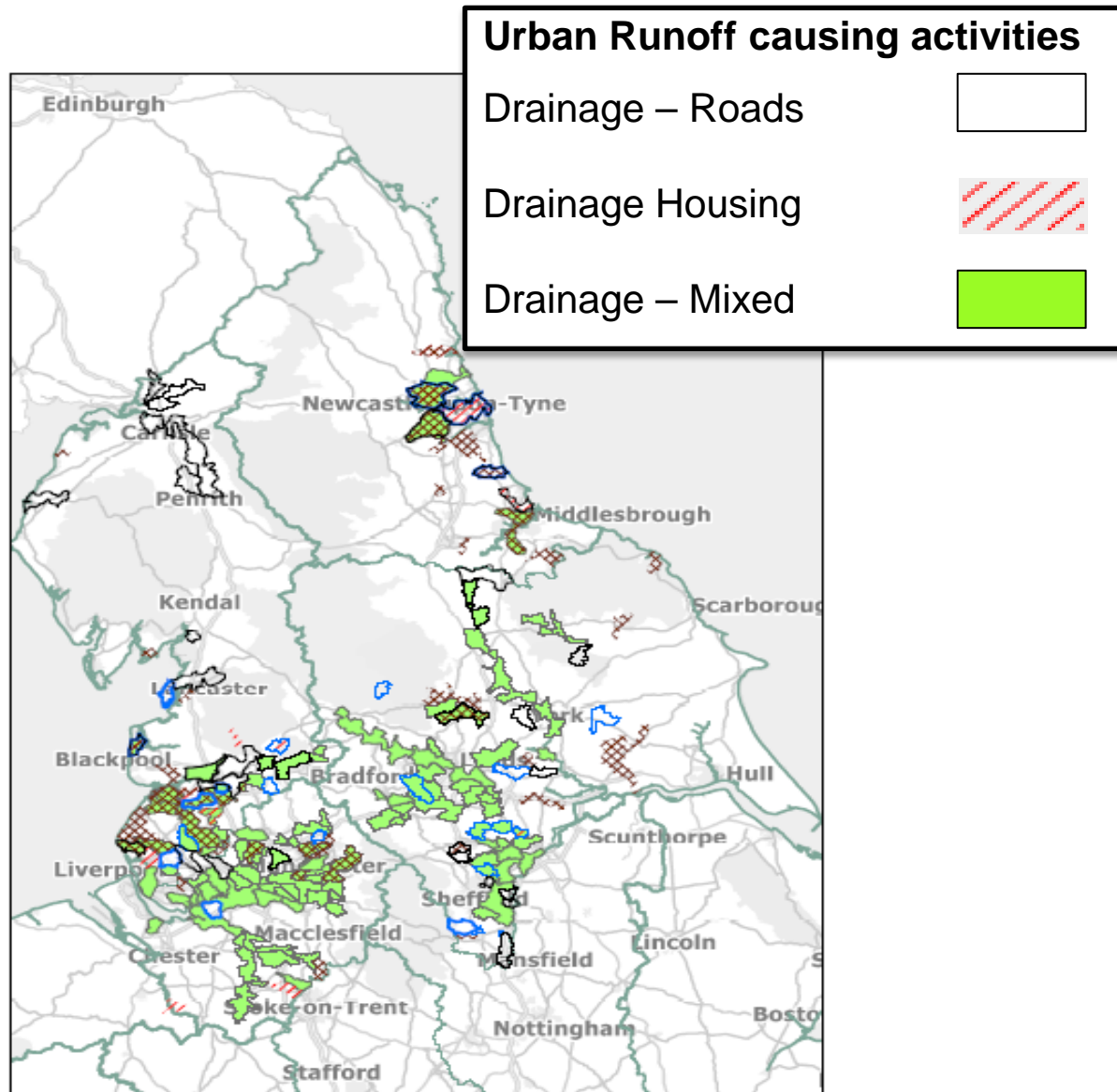


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# Current Situation 1

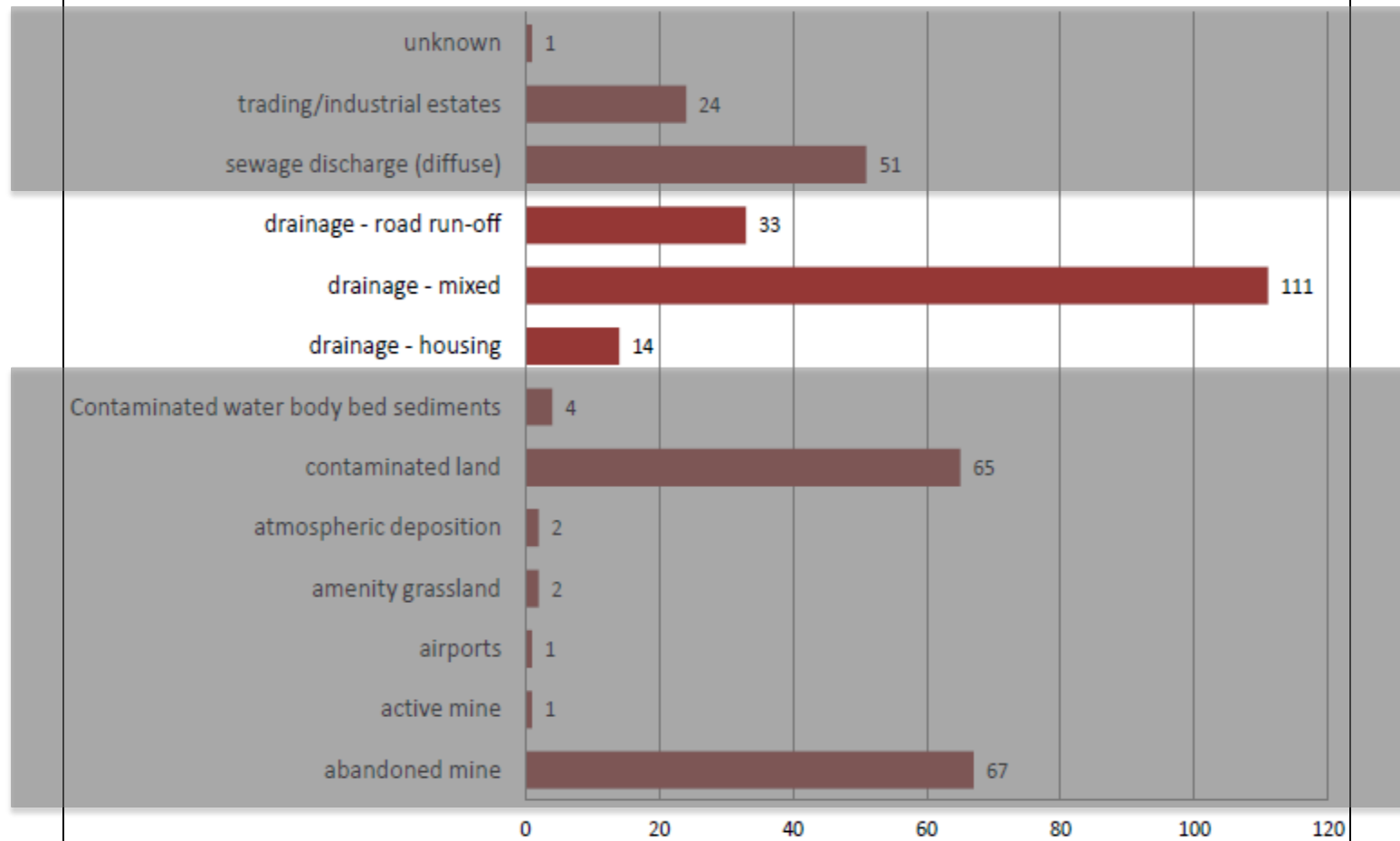
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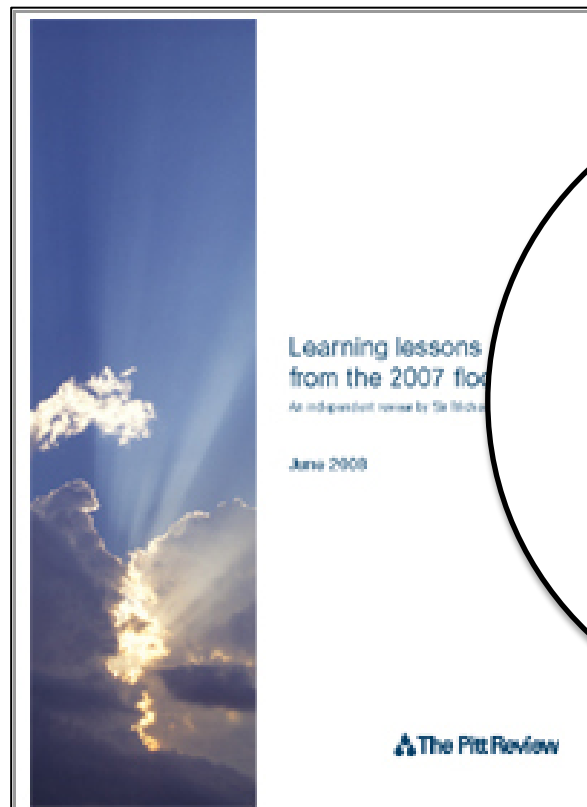
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**North of England pollution source linked with DEFRA Diffuse Urban Pollution  
(Surface Waters)**  
(count of waterbodies failing for issue)

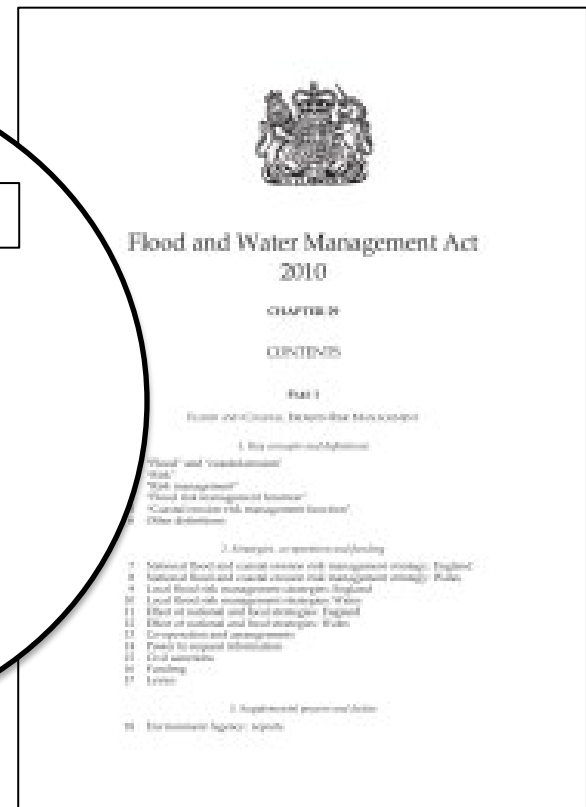


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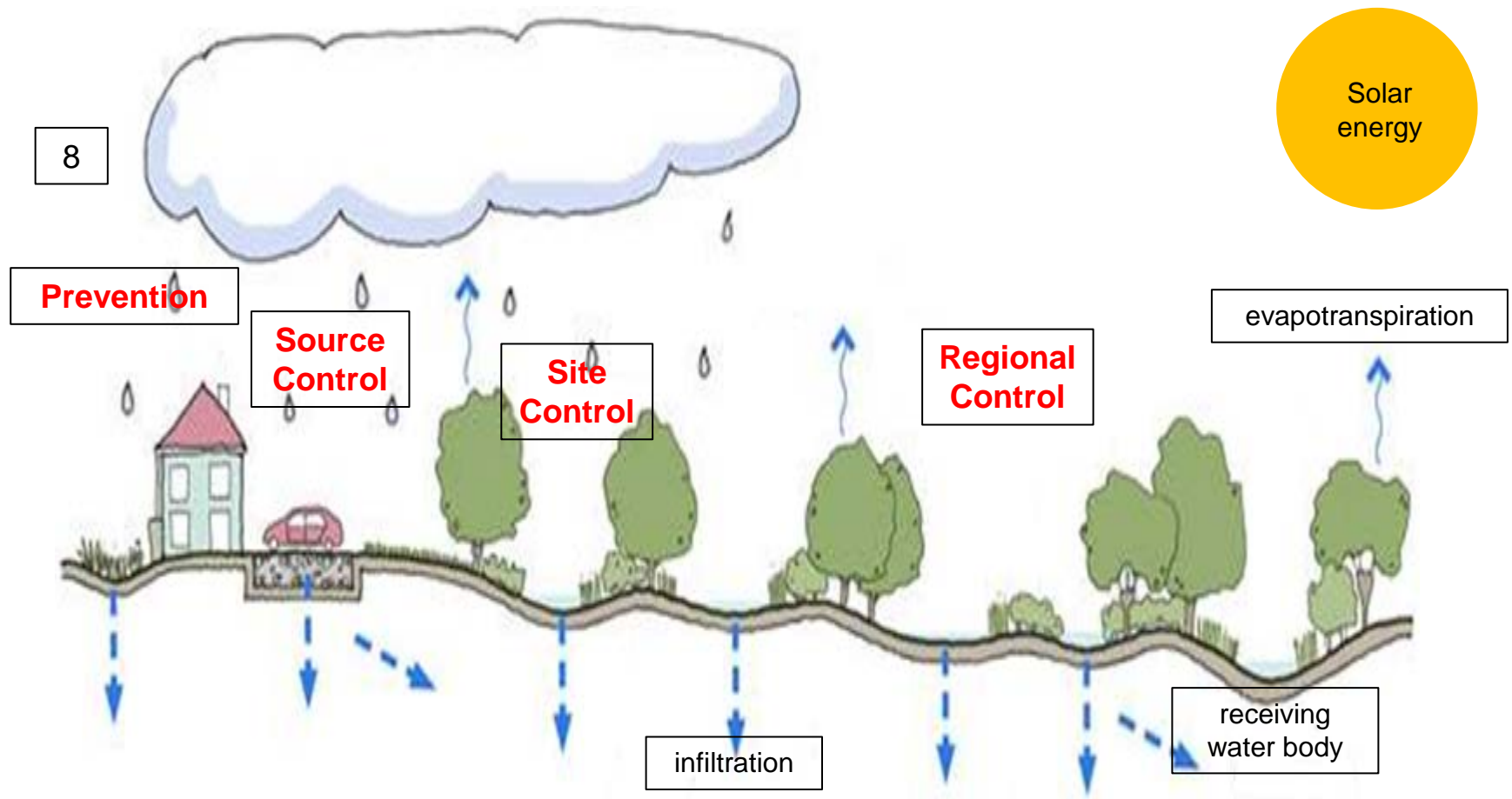


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# Current Situation 4 – SuDS



# Current Situation 5 – SuDS types

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Rainwater Harvesting

Pervious pavements

Filter strips

Swales

Green roofs

Ponds

Infiltration devices

Wetlands

Underground storage

Bioretention

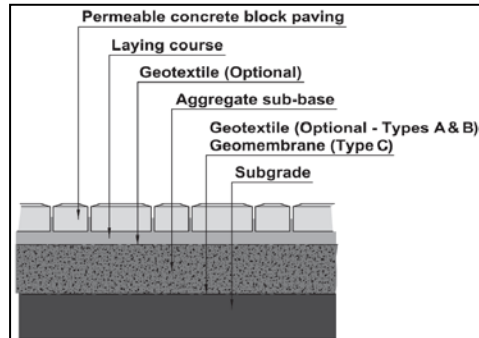
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# Current Situation 6 – Knowledge Gap

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# The Idea

- SuDS Planning Tool using the ecosystem services and disservices approach.

## SuDS type

Rainwater Harvesting

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## Ecosystem Service

16a, b

### Supporting

Habitat for species

### Provisioning

Food

Fresh water

Raw material

### Regulating

Groundwater recharge

Flood mitigation

Water purification

Local climate and air quality regulation

Urban Heat Island Mitigation

Global climate and green house gas regulation

Carbon sequestration

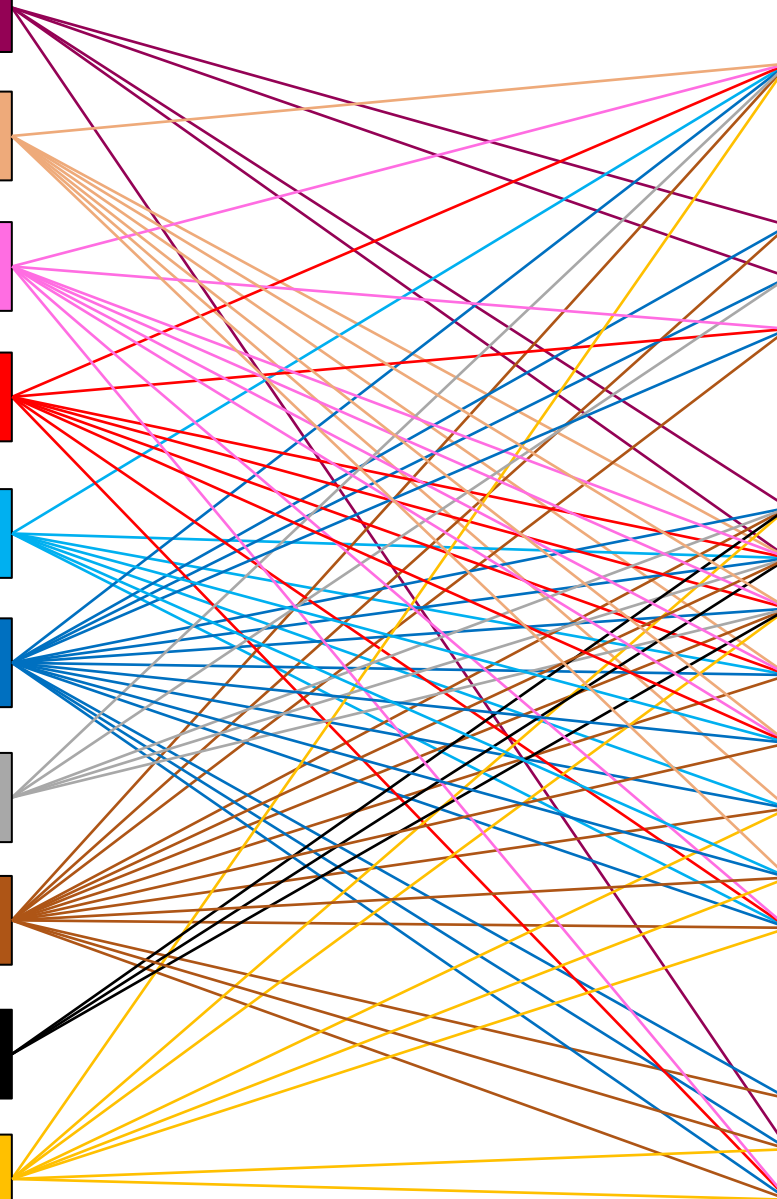
Pollination

### Cultural

Recreation

Education

Aesthetic



## SuDS type

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## Ecosystem Disservice

17a, b, c

### Supporting

Littering by animals foraging in bins

Disease carrying animals

Habitat competition with humans

Accidents

### Regulating

Drainage failures

Contaminant mobilization

Maintenance

VOC emissions

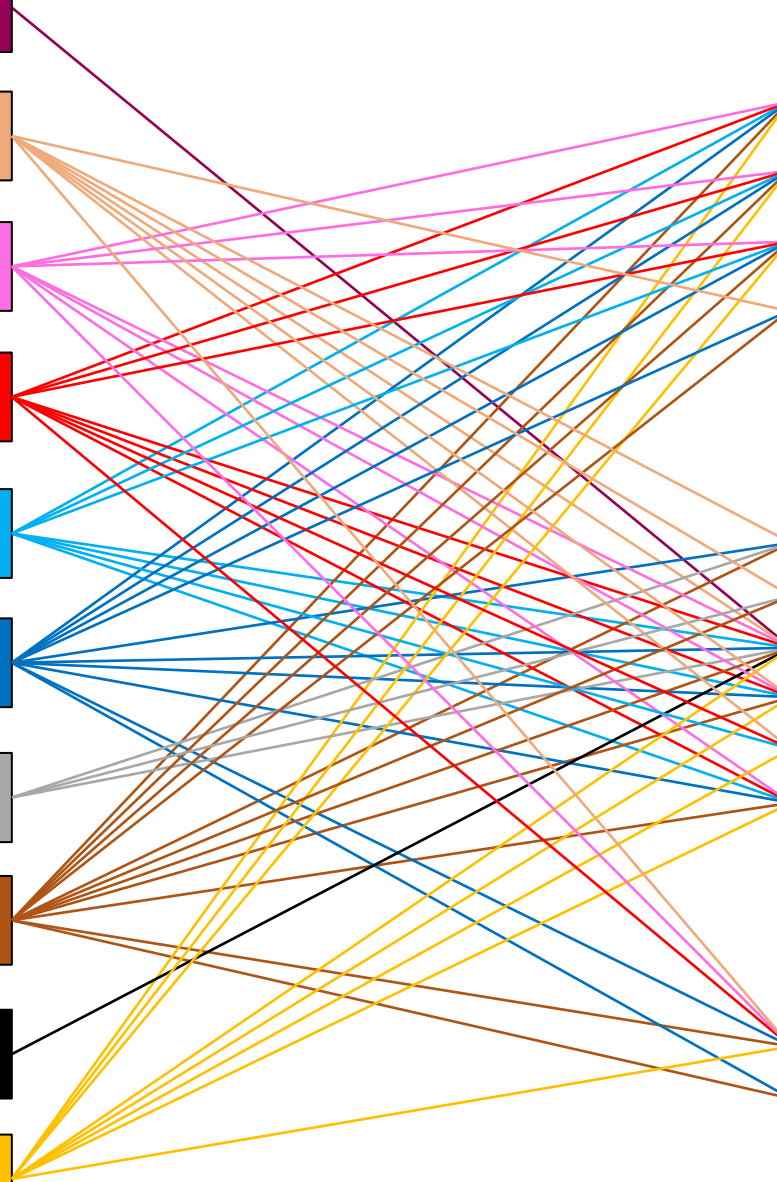
Damage to infrastructures

Plant pollen allergies

### Cultural

Land use conflicts

Fear and stress



# Explanation 1 - usage

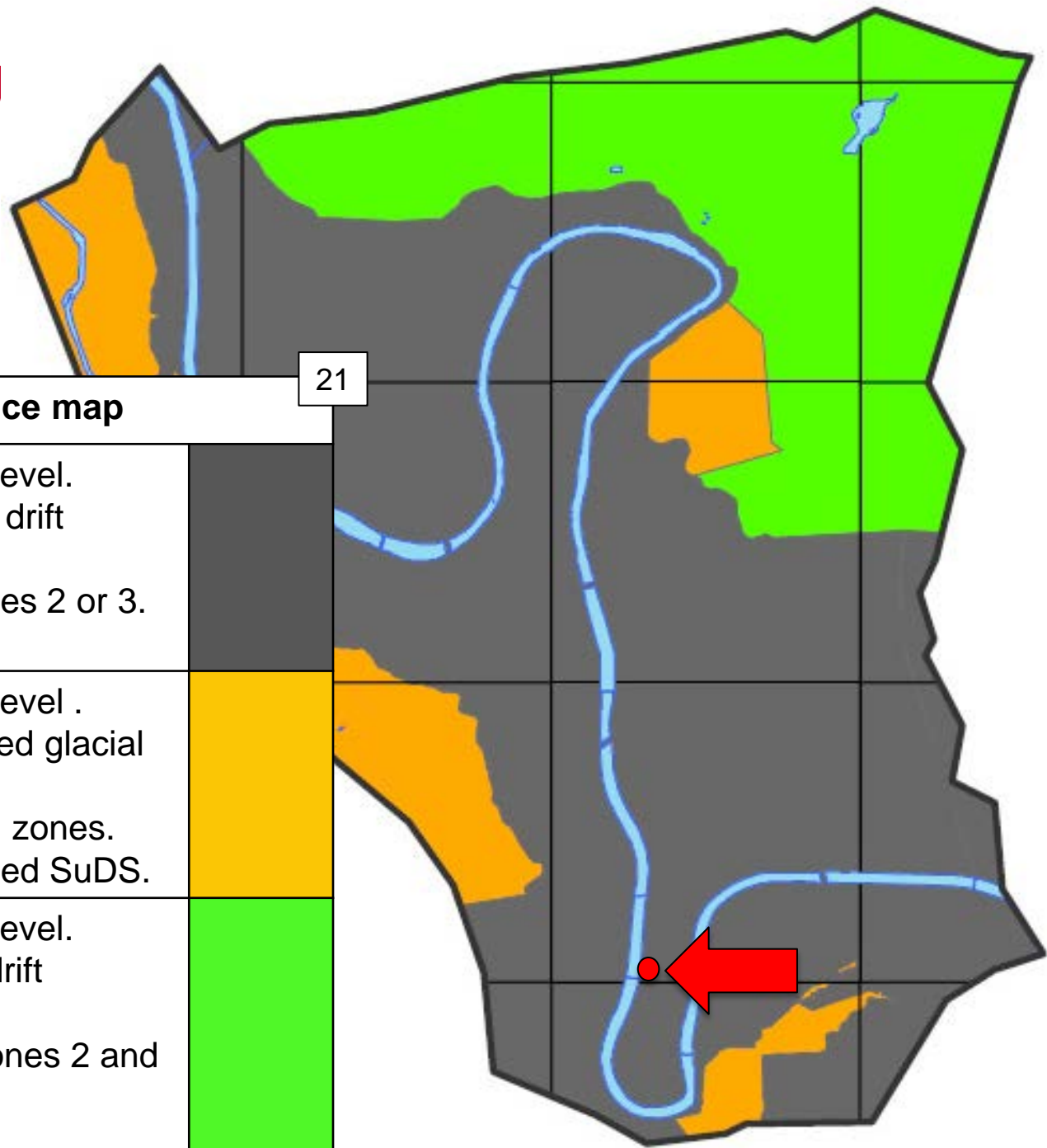
- Web based user interface, with clickable links containing specific, detailed information to aid the following tasks:
  - Deciding on where to locate a new SuDS development.
  - Analysing an existing SuDS system.
  - Designing a new SuDS system.
  - Compiling public policy documents.







# Lower Irv advice m



**The SuDS advice map**

- < 5m above nominal river level.
- Underlain by unfavourable drift geology (till)
- Within flood protection zones 2 or 3.
- Storage based SuDS.

- > 5m above nominal river level .
- Underlain by undifferentiated glacial deposits or alluvium
- Outside all flood protection zones.
- Infiltration and storage based SuDS.

- > 5m above nominal river level.
- Underlain by sand/gravel drift deposits.
- Outside flood protection zones 2 and 3.
- Infiltration based SuDS.

## Measurement Indicators

**Habitat diversity**, Landcover, Biodiversity

## Habitat diversity

*Aquatic*: aquatic mesohabitats coverage.

*Terrestrial*: terrestrial vegetation structure and coverage.

## Valuation indicators

Travel Cost, Benefit Transfer

Water Purification

Wetlands are **Excellent** for Recreation.

Wetlands

## Measurement Indicators

Landcover, Legal accessibility, Recreational structures

Ecosystem Service

Supporting

Habitat for species

Ponds

Infiltration devices

Carbon sequestration

Pollination

Cultural

Recreation

Education

Aesthetic



## SuDS type

Rainwater Harvesting

Pervious pavement

Filter strips

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Ponds

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Bioretention

### Indicator

Habitats conducive to ticks and rats

## Ecosystem Disservice

### Supporting

Littering by animals foraging in bins

Disease carrying animals

Habitat competition with humans

### Indicator

Costs of maintenance

### Regulating

Drainage failures

Maintenance

Maintenance

VOC emissions

### Indicator

Land value, Profitability

### Cultural

Landuse conflicts

Fear and stress

Fear and stress

### Indicator

Areas of non-illumination

## Measurement Indicators

Habitat diversity, Landcover, Biodiversity

Pervious pavements

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## Definition

An infiltration based SuD of surfaces: permeable and porous. Permeable surfaces are made up of any voids in itself. However, arrangements, the gaps in-between block paving. For materials that are porous in itself. Water passing over these surfaces can infiltrate through them and into the aggregate sub base below gravel, porous concrete, and porous asphalt. Typical construction materials are subgrade, geomembrane, aggregate, geotextile, and pavement blocks or porous which two surface type is chosen to be used.

Habitat for species

Pervious pavements are **Poor** for Habitat For Species.

## Measurement Indicators

pH, Nitrates and Phosphates contents

Water Purification

Urban Heat Island Mitigation

## Measurement Indicator

Colour of paving

Pollination

Cultural

Recreation

Education

Aesthetic

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## Ecosystem Disservice

### Supporting

Littering by animals foraging in bins

Disease carrying animals

**Indicator**  
Permeability

**Drainage failures**

Drainage failures

**Maintenance**

Maintenance

VOC emissions

Damage to infrastructures

**Indicator**  
Costs of maintenance

### Cultural

**Landuse conflicts**

Fear and stress

**Indicator**  
Land value, Profitability

# SuDS techniques comparisons

SuDS techniques	E.S for comparisons	E.DS for comparisons	Additional E.S	Additional E.DS
Wetlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Habitat For Species</li><li>Water Purification</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Maintenance</li><li>Landuse Conflicts</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Recreation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Disease Carrying Animals</li><li>Fear and Stress</li></ul>
Pervious Pavements			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Urban Heat Island Mitigation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Drainage Failures</li></ul>

# Further Development

- SuDS type, ecosystem service and disservices linkages validation.
- Research on the strength class definitions.
- Ecosystem services and disservices valuation indicators and methods.
- Web site development.
- SuDS sites to trial planning tool.

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