

7.0 FUTURE MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE

The proposed drainage solution uses SUDS techniques in accordance with the CIRIA SUDS Manual C753. The surface water run-off from the proposed development is restricted using a vortex flow control device and the attenuated run-off is stored using a below ground cellular attenuation tank.

It is envisaged that the following components have been or will be included within the drainage strategy for the proposed development:

- ◆ Inspection chambers, manholes and catchpits.
- ◆ Pipes.
- ◆ Drainage channels and gullies.
- ◆ Vortex flow control device.
- ◆ Green roofs.
- ◆ Bioretention systems (rain gardens).
- ◆ Cellular attenuation tank.

A suitable maintenance strategy should be adopted to ensure the drainage network is cleaned regularly and the routine maintenance and cleansing regime should be documented. It is assumed that the proposed drainage will remain private and therefore maintenance of the surface and foul water drainage systems will be the responsibility of Bury Council or an on-site facilities management team.

As such, the maintenance of the specified SuDS and a copy of the final construction drainage layout should be included within the developments Operation and Maintenance Manual and should be detailed in accordance with the CIRIA SuDS Manual C753, as per the operation and maintenance guidance outlined below.

7.1 General Maintenance & Inspection Requirements

- ◆ No work shall be carried out on the drainage system without permission from a nominated person, who has access to information/a working knowledge of the system.
- ◆ Maintenance/inspection work shall be carried out in a safe/planned manner.
- ◆ All work is to be carried out by competent persons suitably trained and equipped in accordance with current statutory safe working policies.
- ◆ Entry into confined spaces shall be kept to a minimum and be restricted to suitably qualified/equipped persons working in accordance with current statutory safe working policies.
- ◆ Drainage systems shall be inspected on a regular basis or should any problems be suspected. Any debris/defects discovered shall be recorded and a programme of cleaning/ repair initiated. Urgent repairs/cleaning shall be actioned as soon as practicable.
- ◆ It is recommended that the drainage system is inspected as a minimum twice a year, with the system also being inspected after any major storm event.

- ◆ Clearing of the drainage system can be achieved by a number of methods depending on the nature of the work;
 - Rodding - Manual/Mechanical with flexible rods.
 - Jetting - High pressure water jetting.
 - Plunging.

7.2 Inspection Chambers, Manholes and Catchpits

The appropriate health and safety equipment must be used when accessing manholes/catchpits. Confined space certificates must be held by any personnel entering a manhole and the appropriate permits should be obtained from the Maintenance Manager prior to any access. The following operations should be carried out annually.

- ◆ Covers of inspection chambers and manholes shall be removed and the sides, benchings and channels cleared.
- ◆ Accumulated deposits of silt in inspection chambers, catchpits and manholes shall be removed. Any traps shall then be plunged and thoroughly flushed out with clean water. This should be completed in Autumn, after leaf fall.
- ◆ Main and branch drains shall be cleared as required and afterwards be flushed with clean water. Any obstructions found shall be removed and not flushed down the system.
- ◆ Covers of inspection chambers, manholes and catchpits shall be replaced, bedded in suitable grease or other sealing material as required and bolted/locked down as appropriate. Missing bolts and broken items shall be replaced in accordance with the manufacturer's details.

7.3 Pipes

Regular inspection and maintenance are important to identify areas which may have become obstructed/clogged and may not be draining correctly, as failure to do so would expose the development to a greater level of flood risk.

Pipes are proprietary products and therefore the materials used can vary across the site. As such, where used the manufacturer's recommendations should be followed. Access for maintenance of the pipes is provided through inspection chambers and manholes. The below table sets out the maintenance schedule for the pipe components of the proposed drainage systems.

Maintenance Schedule	Required Action	Typical Frequency
Regular Maintenance	Inspect for evidence of poor operation via water levels. If required take remedial action.	Monthly for 3 months, then six-monthly intervals. Also, 48 hours after large storms.
	Check and remove large debris and/or vegetation growth near pipe runs.	Monthly or as required.
Remedial Actions	Rod through poorly performing runs as initial remediation.	As required.
	If continued poor performance jet and CCTV survey poorly performing runs.	As required.
	Seek advice as to remediation techniques suitable for the type of performance issue.	As required, if above actions do not improve performance.
Monitoring	Initial Inspection should be provided as post construction CCTV survey.	N/A
	Inspect/check all inlets, outlets and overflows to ensure they are in good condition and operating as designed.	Monthly for 3 months, then six-monthly intervals. Also, 48 hours after large storms.

7.4 Drainage Channels and Gullies

Channels and gullies should be inspected and cleaned in accordance with the manufacturer's details. Channel units can be cleaned through the use of a high-pressure hose; this can be fed into the channel system through access units strategically placed along the channel run. The throat section of channel units should be kept clear at all times to ensure uninterrupted flow of surface water into the drainage channel and any debris within the throat should be removed.

Locking bolts should be replaced and sufficiently tightened, taking care that the bolt heads do not stand above the top surface of the cover or grate. If covers are allowed to move within their frame, this may cause damage to the frame or seating. The below table sets out the maintenance schedule for the drainage channel and gullies components of the proposed drainage systems.

Maintenance Schedule	Required Action	Typical Frequency
Regular Maintenance	Litter and debris removal.	Monthly or as required.
	Check and remove large debris and/or vegetation growth near pipe runs.	Monthly or as required.
	Inspect for evidence of poor operation and/or weed growth. If required take remedial action. Inspect silt accumulation rates and establish appropriate brushing frequencies.	Monthly for 3 months, then six-monthly intervals. Also, 48 hours after large storms.
Remedial Actions	Inspect access/outlet boxes and rod through poorly performing channels and outlets as initial remediation.	As required.
	Seek advice as to remediation techniques suitable for the type of performance issue.	As required, if above actions do not improve performance.
Monitoring	Initial Inspection including channel outlet boxes and gully sumps.	Monthly for 3 months, then six-monthly intervals. Also, 48 hours after large storms.

7.5 Vortex Flow Control Device

Regular inspection and maintenance is important to identify if the vortex flow control device has become obstructed/clogged and may not be functioning correctly, as failure to do so would expose the development to a greater level of flood risk.

Vortex flow control devices are proprietary products and therefore can vary from manufacturer to manufacturer. As such, where used the manufacturer's recommendations should be followed.

- ◆ Normally, little maintenance is required as there are generally a vortex flow control device has no moving parts.
- ◆ If blockages occur, they tend to do so at the intake of the vortex flow control device.
- ◆ Vortex flow control devices are generally fitted with a pivoting by-pass door, which allows the manhole chamber to be drained down should blockages occur.
- ◆ The smaller type conical units, below the minimum recommended size, are also supplied with rodding facilities or vortex suppressor pipes as standard.
- ◆ Following installation of the vortex flow control device it is vitally important that any extraneous material i.e., Building materials are removed from the unit and the chamber.
- ◆ After the system is made live, it is recommended that each unit be inspected monthly for three months and thereafter at six monthly intervals with hose down if required. Units should also be inspected within 48 hours after large storms.

7.6 Green Roofs

Regular inspection and maintenance is important to identify if the inlets/outlets have become obstructed/clogged and may not be functioning correctly, as failure to do so would expose the development to a greater level of flood risk.

The maintenance requirements for green roofs are outlined within Table 12.5 of the CIRIA SUDS Manual C753. An extract of that table is given below to set out the maintenance schedule for the green roof component of the proposed drainage systems.

TABLE 12.5 Operation and maintenance requirements for green roofs		
Maintenance schedule	Required action	Typical frequency
Regular inspections	Inspect all components including soil substrate, vegetation, drains, irrigation systems (if applicable), membranes and roof structure for proper operation, integrity of waterproofing and structural stability	Annually and after severe storms
	Inspect soil substrate for evidence of erosion channels and identify any sediment sources	Annually and after severe storms
	Inspect drain inlets to ensure unrestricted runoff from the drainage layer to the conveyance or roof drain system	Annually and after severe storms
	Inspect underside of roof for evidence of leakage	Annually and after severe storms
Regular maintenance	Remove debris and litter to prevent clogging of inlet drains and interference with plant growth	Six monthly and annually or as required
	During establishment (ie year one), replace dead plants as required	Monthly (but usually responsibility of manufacturer)
	Post establishment, replace dead plants as required (where > 5% of coverage)	Annually (in autumn)
	Remove fallen leaves and debris from deciduous plant foliage	Six monthly or as required
	Remove nuisance and invasive vegetation, including weeds	Six monthly or as required
	Mow grasses, prune shrubs and manage other planting (if appropriate) as required – clippings should be removed and not allowed to accumulate	Six monthly or as required
Remedial actions	If erosion channels are evident, these should be stabilised with extra soil substrate similar to the original material, and sources of erosion damage should be identified and controlled	As required
	If drain inlet has settled, cracked or moved, investigate and repair as appropriate	As required

7.7 Bioretention Systems

Regular inspection and maintenance is important to identify if the inlets/outlets have become obstructed/clogged and may not be functioning correctly, as failure to do so would expose the development to a greater level of flood risk.

The maintenance requirements for bioretention systems are outlined within Table 18.3 of the CIRIA SUDS Manual C753. An extract of that table is given below to set out the maintenance schedule for the cellular attenuation tank component of the proposed drainage systems.

Maintenance schedule	Required action	Typical frequency
Regular inspections	Inspect infiltration surfaces for silting and ponding, record de-watering time of the facility and assess standing water levels in underdrain (if appropriate) to determine if maintenance is necessary	Quarterly
	Check operation of underdrains by inspection of flows after rain	Annually
	Assess plants for disease infection, poor growth, invasive species etc and replace as necessary	Quarterly
	Inspect inlets and outlets for blockage	Quarterly
Regular maintenance	Remove litter and surface debris and weeds	Quarterly (or more frequently for tidiness or aesthetic reasons)
	Replace any plants, to maintain planting density	As required
	Remove sediment, litter and debris build-up from around inlets or from forebays	Quarterly to biannually
Occasional maintenance	Infill any holes or scour in the filter medium, improve erosion protection if required	As required
	Repair minor accumulations of silt by raking away surface mulch, scarifying surface of medium and replacing mulch	As required
Remedial actions	Remove and replace filter medium and vegetation above	As required but likely to be > 20 years

7.8 Cellular Attenuation Tank

Regular inspection and maintenance is important to identify if the inlets/outlets have become obstructed/clogged and may not be functioning correctly, as failure to do so would expose the development to a greater level of flood risk.

The maintenance requirements for cellular attenuation tanks are outlined within Table 21.3 of the CIRIA SUDS Manual C753. An extract of that table is given below to set out the maintenance schedule for the cellular attenuation tank component of the proposed drainage systems.

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, then 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 necessary	Every 5 years or as required

It should be noted that the Main Contractor should provide a Verification Report, including photographic evidence, to demonstrate that the drainage has been constructed as per the design drawings. As-built drawings should as be supplied by the Main Contractor, where the construction of the drainage varies from the design construction status drawings.