

SUDS - good bad and ugly

Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems

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Context

- climate change
- more extreme weather events
- more flooding
- roads, pavements, mono block
increase urban runoff

- urban runoff is bad because
 - floods downstream
 - leads to sewage overflow
 - just generally not good

What can we do ?

- SUDS - sustainable urban drainage systems - wet or dry
- slow down water, let it soak away locally

Good
who would not want to live
next to this



**Good
you can play football here**



Bad
you can hardly see it



Bad

**deep and gloopy so not
suitable for swimming or ice
skating**



Ugly
this could be so much better



Opportunities

- raise awareness of why SUDS are important
- a great opportunity for wildlife on our doorsteps
- make them better for flora and fauna
- any questions or comments

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