

Planning Statement

Site: King George V Playing Fields, Wokingham

Proposal: Installation of a SuDS scheme comprising a French drain and two rain gardens connected to the Thames Water sewer.

Background

The proposed SuDS scheme is part of a flood mitigation strategy for King George V Playing Fields. The design has been revised to accommodate tree root protection areas and comprises a French drain and two rain gardens.

Design and Function

The rain gardens are landscaped areas designed to capture and manage stormwater runoff. They will include a Permavoid attenuation layer with passive irrigation.

Environmental Benefits

The SuDS features will mitigate flooding, reduce runoff volume, and promote groundwater recharge. They also provide educational opportunities and demonstrate sustainable stormwater management practices.

BNG Consideration

The development is located on non-priority habitat, retains the existing habitat type, and does not result in a measurable loss of biodiversity value. The scheme is therefore exempt from BNG requirements.

Conclusion

The proposed SuDS scheme is a minor development with significant environmental benefits and no adverse impact on biodiversity. Planning permission is sought to implement the scheme promptly.