

SUDS REPORT

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Introduction

CORA Consulting Engineers have been appointed by Riverside Projects as the Structural Engineers for the proposed construction of a four-storey age-friendly apartment block in the area east of Thay Lane, Newcastle Road, Rathcoole, Dublin 24. As part of Compliance Condition no. 7, the design team is required to provide additional information regarding the drainage and SUDS (Sustainable Urban Drainage) features of the proposed development.

This report will outline the proposed SUDS measures to be incorporated in the design, the rationale behind the design and the relevant calculations. It will also propose the reconsideration of the use of a soakaway for this facility. This report provides requested supplementary information and should be read in conjunction with the Sustainable Urban Drainage Management Plan issue by CORA Consulting Engineers as part of the planning application process.

Project Description

The development at the lands located to the east of Tay Lane, Newcastle Road, Rathcoole consists of a 4 storey apartment block, community facility, and ancillary accommodations such as bike stores, plant rooms, etc. Surrounding the buildings there will be a landscaped public open area, communal outdoor spaces, a nature walk and car parking spaces.

The facilities have been designed as age-friendly with the accessibility requirements and social needs of its residents in mind. The facilities will be run by a single entity, providing the necessary maintenance, as well as care and help to the residents.



Figure 1: Model of Proposed Development, supplied by PAC Studio Architects.

Site Conditions

The site is of approximately 4759m² in area, and is currently mostly covered in vegetation. The site slopes down from east to west. There is currently no water mains or foul sewers servicing the site. The existing Irish Water infrastructure runs along the west boundary of the site.

The west extent of the site is located in a 0.1% Annual Exceedance Probability Flood Extent Area. This risk has been taken into account during the drainage design of the site.



Figure 2: Site location. Image from Google Maps.

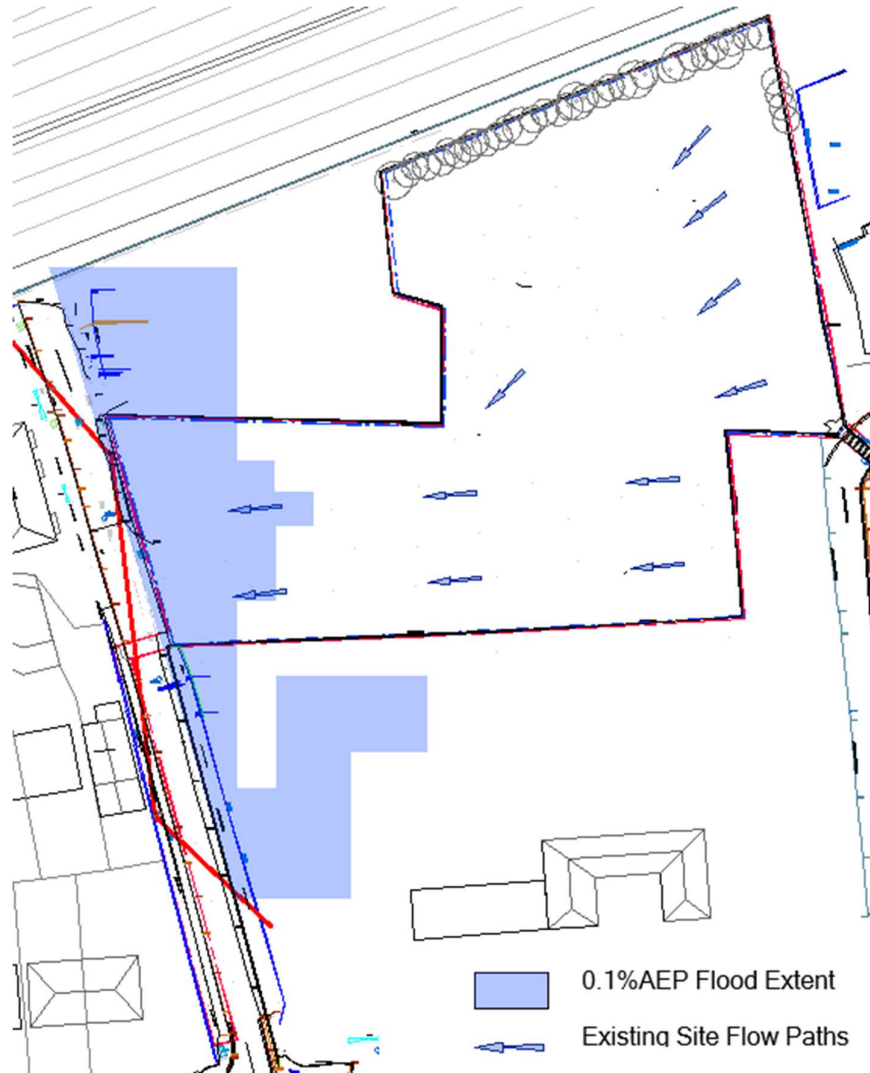


Figure 3: Existing site layout showing the areas at risk of flooding and the current site flow path.

SuDS Measures and Rationale

Chosen SuDS Measures

The SuDS measures to be incorporated on site have been chosen with consideration of the landscape architects' plans, the layout of the site and its intended use. Since the age-friendly apartments will be inhabited by residents of varying mobility and needs, their comfort and safety was considered to be the utmost priority. As a result, some potential SuDS measures were seen as unsuitable, due to potential health and safety risks. These mainly include measures which include slopes, uneven terrain and areas accessible to the public where deep water may accumulate during adverse weather conditions.

An outline of the proposed SuDS measures, the rationale behind their use, their surface areas and attenuation volumes have been outlined in Table 1 below. The attenuation volume calculations are presented in Appendix A and B.

Table 1: SuDS Measures and Rationale

SuDS Measures	Measures used	Rationale	Feature Surface area (m ²)	Feature attenuation Volume (m ³)
Swales	No	Areas of uneven ground and standing water may be a hazard to the residents.	0	0
Integrated Constructed tree pits	Yes	The proposed landscape plans already incorporate trees throughout the site. The addition of tree pits will improve drainage and the trees' growth.	116	12
Green Roofs	Yes	Green roofs promote more biodiversity than blue roofs. Idea large flat area on top of apartments.	1145	43.5
Permeable Pavements	Yes	Various surfaces throughout site - paving, asphalt, etc. specified as permeable.	995	74.6
Permeable Tarmacs	Yes	Various surfaces throughout site - paving, asphalt, etc. specified as permeable.	712	42.7
Green Walls	No	Not accounted for in structural design.	0	0
Filter Strips	No	Areas of uneven ground and standing water may be a hazard to the residents.	0	0
Bio-retention systems/raingardens	No	Areas of uneven ground and standing water may be a hazard to the residents.	0	0
Blue Roofs	No	Green/Blue roof chosen instead due to improved biodiversity.	0	0
Detention/Retention Basins	No	Areas of uneven ground and standing water may be a hazard to the residents.	0	0
Ponds/wetlands	No	Areas of uneven ground and standing water may be a hazard to the residents.	0	0
Soakaway	Yes	Appropriate for this development since facilities will be managed by one entity. Will remove need for discharge of run off from site to existing services.	120	91.2
Total				264

The plan and sections of the proposed SuDS measures for the site can be found in Appendix C - drawing C030, of this document.

Benefits of Chosen SuDS Measures

Treatment Train

- **Prevention:** In order to reduce the need for positive drainage throughout the site, the majority of surfaces have been specified as permeable. A large portion of the site is covered in lawns and planting areas. The permeable pavements and asphalts specified throughout the site will allow rainfall to infiltrate down into the ground. The maintenance measures outlined in the Sustainable Urban Drainage Management Plan, such as the upkeep and cleaning of permeable pavements, avoidance of the use of pesticides and de-icing agents, etc., will minimise the pollutants entering the drainage system.
- **Source Control:** The main apartment block will have a green roof. Here the rain will be intercepted and a portion will be absorbed by vegetation or evaporate off its surface. Similarly, tree pits located throughout the site will collect rainwater from their surroundings, where it will be used for the watering of trees. As such, the volume and rate of runoff will be reduced.
- **Site Control:** A soakaway will provide additional storage for the site. Excess rainfall from the roofs will be stored in the soakaway and gradually drain into the soils on site. This will avoid any surface water being discharged into the public sewer system.

The Conveyance and Regional Control Measures treatment train principles are not applicable for this site.

Biodiversity Value

The incorporation of green areas, vegetation and permeable surfaces will encourage and support the development of plants, insects and wildlife. The inclusion of a green roof will mitigate some of the environmental impact caused by the new development. The presence of vegetation will also benefit the air quality in the area and combat carbon emissions.

Amenity Value

The open green areas will be greatly beneficial to the residents of the facility. The surrounding nature will encourage spending time outside, as well as improve the residents' quality of life and well-being. Communal outside areas will encourage socialising and a sense of community. Improved air quality will have positive health benefits.

Site Surfaces Layout

A layout of the site showing the incorporated surface types has been shown in Figure 4. The approximate areas of each surface type have been extracted from the AutoCAD model and are included in Table 2.



Figure 4: Layout of surface area types on site.

Table 2: Surface types, their areas and runoff coefficients.

Surface Area Type	Surface Area (m ²)	Runoff Coefficient	Equivalent Area (m ²)
Green Roof	1145	0.6	687
Conventional Flat Roof	320	0.8	256
Permeable Pavement	995	0.6	597
Permeable Tarmac/Grasscrete	712	0.6	427.2
Lawns	1587	0.15	238.05
Total	4759	-	2205.25

The runoff coefficient for the first four surface types has been obtained from the SuDS Manual published by CIRIA, whereas the runoff coefficient of lawns has been estimated according to the Sustainable Drainage Design & Evaluation Guide published by Dublin City Council.

The Equivalent Area of Impermeable Surface for the site is 2205.25m².

The permeable pavements and tarmacs have an inbuilt attenuation volume, as outline in Table 1. Therefore, excess runoff from these features which does not infiltrate into the ground immediately can be stored locally. The excess runoff from the remaining surface types, namely the green roof, conventional roof and the lawns, will be attenuated in the proposed soakaway.

Soakaway Rationale

As outlined in the existing site conditions, the west of the site is in danger of flooding. The existing sewer services near the site are already at risk of surcharging. It would therefore be beneficial to minimise the additional strain caused by the new development on the existing nearby waste water infrastructure. The implementation of a soakaway was therefore proposed for the site. The designed soakaway, as outlined in the Sustainable Urban Drainage Management Plan issued, has sufficient storage capacity to collect the surface water from all roofs on the site. This allows for the rainwater to be stored on site and be allowed to slowly dissipate into the surrounding soils. This will result in no additional surface water from the proposed development being discharged into the wastewater systems.

Although soakaways are generally not used in apartment buildings due to the need for an individual owner, the unique nature of this facility would nullify this issue. As stated before, the apartment building will be managed and operated by a single entity. As stated in the application and in the Executive Order, the 'development is intended for operation and management by Clann Housing, the dedicated age-friendly housing service of Clúid'. It is also stated that:

'The permitted development shall be operated only as an age friendly housing scheme. No separate sales or equivalent disposal of any individual residential units shall take place. The residential development shall be owned and operated by a single institutional entity except where otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Authority.'

Thus, any maintenance, repairs or costs associated with the soakaway will be settled by them. The condition of a single owner for the soakaway is therefore met and there is no reason for its use to be denied.

Site Attenuation Calculations

As mentioned priorly, the purpose of the soakaway is to store the excess runoff from the green roof, conventional roof and lawns on site. The equivalent impermeable area of these surfaces sums to 1181.05m².

Table 3: Surface areas contributing to soakaway.

Surface Area Type	Surface Area (m ²)	Runoff Coefficient	Equivalent Area (m ²)
Green Roof	1145	0.6	687
Conventional Flat Roof	320	0.8	256
Lawns	1587	0.15	238.05
Total	3052	-	1181.05

The M100-60min, the rainfall depth for a 60 minute duration event with a return period of 100 years, according to the Rathcoole Rainfall Data provided by Met Éireann, is 50.3mm. With this rainfall depth, the total runoff from the areas contributing to the soakaway would be 59.4m³. The attenuation volume of 91.2m³ provided by the soakaway is sufficient to store this runoff with room to spare.

The total equivalent impermeable area of the site of 2205.25m² gives a total runoff of 110.9m³ at a rainfall depth of 50.3mm. The attenuation volume provided by the tree pits, green roof, permeable surfaces and soakaway combined sums to 264m³, over double the required amount. The calculated times to emptying the attenuation volumes to half their capacity, shown in Appendix B and based on the measured infiltration sites, are also satisfactory. The calculated 6 hours for the soakaway, 9 hours for the permeable tarmac and 8 hours for the permeable pavements are all well within the 12 hour time limit.

It is therefore clear that the site has sufficient rainfall attenuation capacity for a 60 minute duration rainfall which statistically happens once in a hundred years, thus mitigating any reasonable potential risk of flooding.

Table 4: Runoff generated from each surface type equivalent area due to rainfall of 50.3mm.

Surface Area Type	Equivalent Area (m ²)	Runoff (m ³)
Green Roof	687	34.56
Conventional Flat Roof	256	12.88
Permeable Pavement	597	30.03
Permeable Tarmac/Grasscrete	427.2	21.49
Lawns	238.05	11.97
Total	2205.25	110.93
Total Attenuation Volume Available on Site		264
Excess Attenuation Volume		153.07

Appendix A

SuDS Attenuation Volume Calculations

Constructed Tree Pits:

Surface Area = 116 m²
 Depth of Aggregate = 0.35m
 Aggregate Void Ratio = 0.3
 Attenuation Volume = 116 m² x 0.35m x 0.3 = **12.18 m³**

Green Roof:

Surface Area = 1145 m²
 Depth of Reservoir = 0.04m
 Void Ratio = 0.95
 Attenuation Volume = 1145 m² x 0.04m x 0.95 = **43.51 m³**

Permeable Pavements:

Surface Area = 995 m²
 Depth of Aggregate = 0.25m
 Aggregate Void Ratio = 0.3
 Attenuation Volume = 995 m² x 0.25m x 0.3 = **74.625 m³**

Permeable Tarmacs:

Surface Area = 712 m²
 Depth of Aggregate = 0.2m
 Aggregate Void Ratio = 0.3
 Attenuation Volume = 712 m² x 0.2m x 0.3 = **42.72 m³**


Soakaway:

Length = 12m
 Width = 10m
 Depth = 0.8m
 Void Ratio = 0.95
 Attenuation Volume = 12m x 10m x 0.8m x 0.95 = **91.2 m³**

Total Site Attenuation Volume = 264.235 m³

Appendix B

Infiltration Calculations

 CORA Consulting Engineers Behan House 10 Lower Mount Street Dublin D02 HT71	Project Tay Lane, Rathcoole				Job no. 2127	
	Calcs for Surface Water Soakaway				Start page no./Revision 1 /B	
	Calcs by KF	Calcs date 12/12/2024	Checked by	Checked date	Approved by	Approved date

SOAKAWAY DESIGN

In accordance with BRE Digest 365 - Soakaway design

Tedds calculation version 2.0.06

Design rainfall intensity

Location of catchment area	Other
Impermeable area drained to the system	A = 1181.1 m²
Return period	Period = 100 yr
Ratio 60 min to 2 day rainfall of 5 yr return period	r = 0.266
5-year return period rainfall of 60 minutes duration	M5_60min = 19.8 mm
Increase of rainfall intensity due to global warming	p _{climate} = 20 %

Soakaway / infiltration trench details

Soakaway type	Rectangular
Minimum depth of pit (below incoming invert)	d = 1060 mm
Width of pit	w = 10100 mm
Length of pit	l = 12000 mm
Percentage free volume	V _{free} = 71 %

Soil infiltration rate (BRE digest 365)


Length of trial pit	l _{trial} = 1000 mm
Width of trial pit	b _{trial} = 1000 mm
Depth of trial pit (below invert)	d _{trial} = 1000 mm
Free volume (if fill used)	V _{trial} = 100 %
75% depth of pit	d ₇₅ = (d _{trial} × 0.75) = 750.00 mm
50% depth of pit	d ₅₀ = (d _{trial} × 0.50) = 500.00 mm
25% depth of pit	d ₂₅ = (d _{trial} × 0.25) = 250.00 mm
Test 1 - time to fall from 75% depth to 25% depth	T1 = 41 min
Test 2 - time to fall from 75% depth to 25% depth	T2 = 45 min
Test 3 - time to fall from 75% depth to 25% depth	T3 = 45 min
Longest time to fall from 75% depth to 25% depth	t _g = max(T1, T2, T3) = 45 min
Storage volume from 75% to 25% depth	V _{p75_25} = (l _{trial} × b _{trial} × (d ₇₅ - d ₂₅)) × V _{trial} = 0.50 m³
Internal surface area to 50% depth	a _{p50} = ((l _{trial} × b _{trial}) + (l _{trial} + b _{trial}) × 2 × d ₅₀) = 3.00 m²
Surface area of soakaway to 50% storage depth	A _{s50} = 2 × (l _{trial} + b _{trial}) × d _{trial} / 2 = 2.000 m²
Soil infiltration rate	f = V _{p75_25} / (a _{p50} × t _g) = 61.7 × 10⁻⁶ m/s
Wetted area of pit 50% full	a _{s50} = l × d + w × d = 23426000 mm²

Table equations

Inflow (cl.3.3.1)	I = M100 × A
Outflow (cl.3.3.2)	O = a _{s50} × f × D
Storage (cl.3.3.3)	S = I - O

Duration, D (min)	Growth factor Z1	M5 rainfalls (mm)	Growth factor Z2	100 year rainfall, M100 (mm)	Inflow (m ³)	Outflow (m ³)	Storage required (m ³)
5	0.33;	7.8;	1.92;	14.9;	17.65;	0.43;	17.21
10	0.48;	11.3;	1.97;	22.4;	26.42;	0.87;	25.56
15	0.58;	13.7;	1.98;	27.1;	32.04;	1.30;	30.73

Figure 5: Surface Water Soakaway Infiltration Calculations.

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		Calcs for Surface Water Soakaway				Start page no./Revision 2 /B	
		Calcs by KF	Calcs date 12/12/2024	Checked by	Checked date	Approved by	Approved date

Duration, D (min)	Growth factor Z1	M5 rainfalls (mm)	Growth factor Z2	100 year rainfall, M100 (mm)	Inflow (m ³)	Outflow (m ³)	Storage required (m ³)
30	0.76;	18.0;	1.95;	35.1;	41.51;	2.60;	38.91
60	1.00;	23.8;	1.90;	45.1;	53.32;	5.21;	48.11
120	1.27;	30.3;	1.85;	55.9;	66.06;	10.41;	55.65
240	1.65;	39.2;	1.78;	69.6;	82.22;	20.82;	61.40
360	1.90;	45.0;	1.74;	78.6;	92.83;	31.23;	61.60
600	2.26;	53.7;	1.71;	91.6;	108.20;	52.06;	56.14
1440	3.13;	74.4;	1.62;	120.8;	142.64;	124.94;	17.70

Required storage volume $S_{req} = 61.60 \text{ m}^3$

Soakaway storage volume $S_{act} = l \times d \times w \times V_{free} = 91.22 \text{ m}^3$

PASS - Soakaway storage volume

Time for emptying soakaway to half volume $t_{50} = S_{req} \times 0.5 / (a_{50} \times f) = 5\text{hr } 55\text{min}$

PASS - Soakaway discharge time less than or equal to 24 hours

Figure 6: Surface Water Soakaway Infiltration Calculations continued.

 CORA Consulting Engineers Behan House 10 Lower Mount Street Dublin 2	Project Tay Lane, Rathcoole				Job no. 2127	
	Calcs for Infiltration - Tarmac Hard Standing				Start page no./Revision 1	
	Calcs by JP	Calcs date 12/12/2024	Checked by	Checked date	Approved by	Approved date

SOAKAWAY DESIGN

In accordance with BRE Digest 365 - Soakaway design

Tedds calculation version 2.0.06

Design rainfall intensity

Location of catchment area	Other
Impermeable area drained to the system	A = 712.0 m ²
Return period	Period = 100 yr
Ratio 60 min to 2 day rainfall of 5 yr return period	r = 0.266
5-year return period rainfall of 60 minutes duration	M5_60min = 19.8 mm
Increase of rainfall intensity due to global warming	p _{climate} = 20 %

Soakaway / infiltration trench details

Soakaway type	Rectangular
Minimum depth of pit (below incoming invert)	d = 200 mm
Width of pit	w = 26500 mm
Length of pit	l = 26500 mm
Percentage free volume	V _{free} = 30 %
Soil infiltration rate	f = 61.7x10⁻⁶ m/s
Wetted area of pit 50% full	a _{s50} = l × d + w × d = 10600000 mm ²

Table equations

Inflow (cl.3.3.1)	I = M100 × A
Outflow (cl.3.3.2)	O = a _{s50} × f × D
Storage (cl.3.3.3)	S = I - O

Duration, D (min)	Growth factor Z1	M5 rainfalls (mm)	Growth factor Z2	100 year rainfall, M100 (mm)	Inflow (m ³)	Outflow (m ³)	Storage required (m ³)
5	0.33;	7.8;	1.92;	14.9;	10.64;	0.20;	10.44
10	0.48;	11.3;	1.97;	22.4;	15.93;	0.39;	15.54
15	0.58;	13.7;	1.98;	27.1;	19.31;	0.59;	18.72
30	0.76;	18.0;	1.95;	35.1;	25.02;	1.18;	23.85
60	1.00;	23.8;	1.90;	45.1;	32.14;	2.35;	29.79
120	1.27;	30.3;	1.85;	55.9;	39.83;	4.71;	35.12
240	1.65;	39.2;	1.78;	69.6;	49.57;	9.42;	40.15
360	1.90;	45.0;	1.74;	78.6;	55.96;	14.13;	41.84
600	2.26;	53.7;	1.71;	91.6;	65.23;	23.54;	41.68
1440	3.13;	74.4;	1.62;	120.8;	85.99;	56.51;	29.48

Required storage volume

$$S_{req} = \mathbf{41.84} \text{ m}^3$$

Soakaway storage volume

$$S_{act} = l \times d \times w \times V_{free} = \mathbf{42.14} \text{ m}^3$$

PASS - Soakaway storage volume

Time for emptying soakaway to half volume

$$t_{s50} = S_{req} \times 0.5 / (a_{s50} \times f) = \mathbf{8hr 53min 7s}$$

PASS - Soakaway discharge time less than or equal to 24 hours

Figure 7: Tarmac Infiltration Calculations.

Appendix C

Drawing C030 – SuDS Features Plan and Sections