SIMPLE INDEX APPROACH: TOOL

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1. The steps set out in the tool should be applied for each inflow or 'runoff area' (ie each impermeable surface area separately discharging to a SuDS component).

2. The supporting 'Design Conditions' stated by the tool must be fully considered and implemented in all cases.

3. Relevant design examples are included in the SuDS Manual Appendix C.

4. Each of the steps below are part of the process set out in the flowchart on Sheet 3.

5. Sheet 4 summarises the selections made below and indicates the acceptability of the proposed SuDS components.

	DROP DOWN LIST	**RELEVANT INPUTS NEED TO BE SELECTED FROM THESE LISTS, FOR EACH STEP**
	USER ENTRY	**USER ENTRY CELLS ARE ONLY REQUIRED WHERE INDICATED BY THE TOOL**

STEP 1: Determine the Pollution Hazard Index for the runoff area discharging to the proposed SuDS scheme

This step requires the user to select the appropriate land use type for the area from which the runoff is occurring

If the land use varies across the 'runoff area', either:

- use the land use type with the highest Pollution Hazard Index

- apply the approach for each of the land use types to determine whether the proposed SuDS design is sufficient for all. If it is not, consider collecting more hazardous runoff separately and providing additional treatment.

If the generic land use types suggested are not applicable, select 'Other' and enter a description of the land use of the runoff area and agreed user defined indices in the row below the drop down lists.

	Runoff Area Land Use Description	*Pollution Hazard*	*Pollution Hazard Indices* Total Suspended Solids	Metals	Hydrocarbons	*DESIGN CONDITIONS* 1	2
Select land use type from the drop down list (or 'Other' if none applicable): →	Commercial/Industrial roofing; Low potential for metal leaching	Low	0.3	0.4	0.05	This classification should be informed by an assessment of the leachability of metals from the adopted roofing materials. Particular risks are likely to be posed by materials that include copper and galvanised steel	
If the generic land use types in the drop down list above are not applicable, select 'Other' and enter a description of the land use of the runoff area and agreed user defined indices in this row:							
	Landuse Pollution Hazard Index	**Low**	**0.3**	**0.4**	**0.05**		

STEP 2A: Determine the Pollution Mitigation Index for the proposed SuDS components

This step requires the user to select the proposed SuDS components that will be used to treat runoff - before it is discharged to a receiving surface waterbody or downstream infiltration component

If the runoff is discharged directly to an infiltration component, without upstream treatment, select 'None' for each of the 3 SuDS components and move to Step 2B

This step should be applied to evaluate the water quality protection provided by proposed SuDS components for discharges to receiving surface waters or downstream infiltration components (note: in England and Wales this will include components that allow any amount of infiltration, however small, even where infiltration is not specifically accounted for in the design).

If you have fewer than 3 components, select 'None' for the components that are not required

If the proposed component is bespoke and/or a proprietary treatment product and not generically described by the suggested components, then 'Proprietary treatment system' or 'User defined indices' should be selected and a description of the component and agreed user defined indices should be entered in the rows below the drop down lists

	SuDS Component Description		*Pollution Mitigation Indices* Total Suspended Solids	Metals	Hydrocarbons	*DESIGN CONDITIONS* 1	2	3
Select SuDS Component 1 (i.e. the upstream SuDS component) from the drop down list: →	Proprietary treatment system	Enter User Defined Indices in row below				Detailed assessment of performance of designed component in reducing inflow concentrations of each pollutant type required as evidence of adopted indices. Enter indices approved by the environmental regulator in appropriate 'User Defined Indices' row below	SEPA only considers proprietary treatment systems as appropriate in exceptional circumstances where other types of SuDS component are not practicable. Proprietary treatment systems may also be considered appropriate for existing sites that are causing pollution where there is a requirement to retrofit treatment. WAT-RM-08 (SEPA, 2014) also provides a flow chart with a summary of checks on suitability of a proprietary system	See Chapter 15 Proprietary treatment systems for approaches to demonstrate product performance. Note: a British Water/Environment Agency assessment Code of Practice is currently under development that will allow manufacturers to complete an agreed test protocol for systems intended to treat contaminated surface water runoff. Full details can be found at: http://www.britishwater.co.uk/Publications/codes-of-practise.aspx.
Select SuDS Component 2 (i.e. the second SuDS component in a series) from the drop down list: →	None							
Select SuDS Component 3 (i.e. the third SuDS component in a series) from the drop down list: →	None							
If the proposed SuDS components are bespoke/proprietary and/or the generic indices above are not considered appropriate, select 'Proprietary treatment system' or 'User defined indices' and enter component descriptions and agreed user defined indices in these rows:	VORTEX PLUS DOWNSTREAM DEFENDER	SuDS Component 1	0.5	0.4	0.5			
	Aggregated Surface Water Pollution Mitigation Index		**0.5**	**0.4**	**0.5**			

Note: If the total aggregated mitigation index is > 1 (which is not a realistic outcome), then the outcome is fixed at '>0.95'. In this scenario, the proposed components are likely to have a very high mitigation potential for reducing pollutant levels in the runoff and should be sufficient for any proposed land use (note: where risk assessment is required, this outcome would need more detailed verification).

Is the runoff now discharged to an infiltration component?

Yes ? Go to Step 2B
No ? Go to Step 2C

STEP 2B: Determine the Pollution Mitigation Index for the proposed Groundwater Protection

This step requires the user to select the type of groundwater protection that is either part of the SuDS component or that lies between the component and the groundwater

This step should be applied where a SuDS component is specifically designed to infiltrate runoff (note: in England and Wales this will include components that allow any amount of infiltration, however small, even where infiltration is not specifically accounted for in the design).

'Groundwater protection' describes the proposed depth of soil or other material through which runoff will flow between the runoff surface and the underlying groundwater.

Where the discharge is to surface waters and risks to groundwater need not be considered, select 'None'

If the proposed groundwater protection is bespoke and/or a proprietary product and not generically described by the suggested measures, then a description of the protection and agreed user defined indices should be entered in the row below the drop down list

		Pollution Mitigation Indices Total Suspended Solids	Metals	Hydrocarbons	*DESIGN CONDITIONS* 1	2	3	4
Select type of groundwater protection from the drop down list: →	None							
If the proposed groundwater protection is bespoke/proprietary and/or the generic indices above are not considered appropriate, select 'Proprietary product' or 'User defined indices' and enter a description of the protection and agreed user defined indices in this row:								
	Groundwater Protection Pollution Mitigation Index	**0**	**0**	**0**				

STEP 2C: Determine the Combined Pollution Mitigation Indices for the Runoff Area

This is an automatic step which combines the proposed SuDS Pollution Mitigation Indices with any Groundwater Protection Pollution Mitigation Indices

	Combined Pollution Mitigation Indices Total Suspended Solids	Metals	Hydrocarbons
Combined Pollution Mitigation Indices for the Runoff Area	**0.5**	**0.4**	**0.5**

Note: If the total aggregated mitigation index is > 1 (which is not a realistic outcome), then the outcome is fixed at '>0.95'. In this scenario, the proposed components are likely to have a very high mitigation potential for reducing pollutant levels in the runoff and should be sufficient for any proposed land use (note: where risk assessment is required, this outcome would need more detailed verification).

STEP 2D: Determine Sufficiency of Pollution Mitigation Indices for Selected SuDS Components

This is an automatic step which compares the Combined Pollution Mitigation Indices with the Land Use Hazard Indices, to determine whether the proposed components are sufficient to manage each pollutant category type

When the combined mitigation index exceeds the land use pollution hazard index, then the proposed components are considered sufficient in providing pollution risk mitigation.

In England and Wales, where the discharge is to protected surface waters or groundwater, an additional treatment component (ie over and above that required for standard discharges), or other equivalent protection, is required that provides environmental protection in the event of an unexpected pollution event or poor system performance. Protected surface waters are those designated for drinking water abstraction. In England and Wales, protected groundwater resources are defined as Source Protection Zone 1. In Northern Ireland, a more precautionary approach may be required and this should be checked with the environmental regulator on a site by site basis.

Sufficiency of Pollution Mitigation Indices Total Suspended Solids	Metals	Hydrocarbons	*DESIGN CONDITIONS* 1
Sufficient	**Sufficient**	**Sufficient**	Reference to local planning documents should also be made to identify any additional protection required for sites due to habitat conservation (see *Chapter 7 The SuDS design process*). The implications of developments on or within close proximity to an area with an environmental designation, such as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), should be considered via consultation with relevant conservation bodies such as Natural England