This document presents what needs to be considered when designing SuDS at the initial and concept design stage of a master plan. Guidance for detailed design of SuDS is available from a number of sources to inform the next stage of design. A list of resources is available from SusDrain: The Community for Sustainable Drainage.

There are also legislative requirements for the design of SuDS. Current requirements are provided by Defra and your Lead Local Flood Authority.