



Our policy statement on sustainable development

We have the following expectations for developers when building new homes and commercial buildings:



■ **Water efficiency** – designs for developments must meet 100 litres per person per day.



■ **Water efficiency labelling** – water consumptive appliances fitted by developers will use water efficiency labelling.



■ **Water neutrality** – developments in Sussex North must demonstrate Water Neutrality for any new development with designs meeting 85 litres per person per day.



■ **Smart metering** – Our programme to roll out smart metering for new and existing connections is in development.



■ **Sewer connections** – Connections from new developments to Foul or Combined Sewers for surface water runoff will not be accepted unless all options to separate surface water have been applied.



■ **Sustainable drainage** – Designs must include features to slow the flow of surface water runoff as close to the source as possible, for example, green roofs, permeable paving, rain gardens and water butts.



■ **Water recycling** – incorporate rainwater capture and grey water recycling systems into designs, linking it to blue-green infrastructure and joining or establishing partnerships where practical to eliminate rainwater from drains.



■ **Nutrient Neutrality** – developments in the Stodmarsh area in Kent and parts of South Hampshire and Chichester new developments are required to demonstrate Nutrient Neutrality.



■ **Water Offsetting** – where opportunities to offset water consumption are available these will be adopted as a planning gain principle.

These expectations contribute to our transformational programmes:



Target 100



Catchment First



Network 2030



Sustainable Drainage