

ASA Conference

💧 The first [Association of SuDS Authorities](#) (ASA) Conference was held in October 2019 at the Hertfordshire County Council office in Stevenage.

The day consisted of two sessions and panel discussions, covering topics on delivering consistency, technical capacity, the implementation of SuDS and the national interpretations and development of the Non-statutory Technical Standards for Sustainable Drainage. The sessions were supported by speakers from the [Environment Agency](#), [CIRIA](#), [HR Wallingford](#), [Arup](#) and [Anglian Water](#), who gave an insight into topical news and issues surround sustainable drainage.



OxCam Property Flood Resilience Pathfinder Project

💧 Last autumn, Peterborough City Council joined forces with 5 other local authorities to [successfully bid for £700k of central government funding](#) looking to increase awareness of flood resilience.

This project is being led by Northamptonshire County Council and will involve research into flood resilience, community engagement, creation of guidance and a new demonstration centre within the OxCam arc. With all of this planned to be delivered by September 2021. Watch this space for updates!

FLOODEx 26-27th March 2020

💧 Floodex is set to return to the Peterborough Arena this year, with major companies and associations are set to return, including the Association of SuDS Authorities. You can register for free tickets [here!](#)

Woodston Ponds

💧 The [Woodston Ponds](#) are areas of open water that were previously managed by British Sugar used as settling ponds that took washings from the sugar beet. Now, the ponds are a designated Local Nature Reserve, leased to the Wildlife Trust, with Peterborough City Council maintaining the drainage assets. The Former British Sugar site is now a residential development of around 900 houses, with all surface water draining under the Nene Valley Railway and into an attenuation basin. Water is then controlled by pen stocks, stop logs that feed water into reed beds and the ponds.

The Sustainable Drainage Team regularly carry out works to the attenuation basin and ensure all throttle devices are functioning as designed. We also inspect all conveyance channels, which are strimmed and all outlets cleared.

It is essential that we carry out these regular maintenance works, not only to ensure the residential development upstream has a free flowing surface water system, but also to ensure that water is received within the attenuation basin in order to replenish the areas of open water and keep reed beds saturated. Both of these are essential in ensuring the wildlife habitat has the best ecological environment as possible.

