

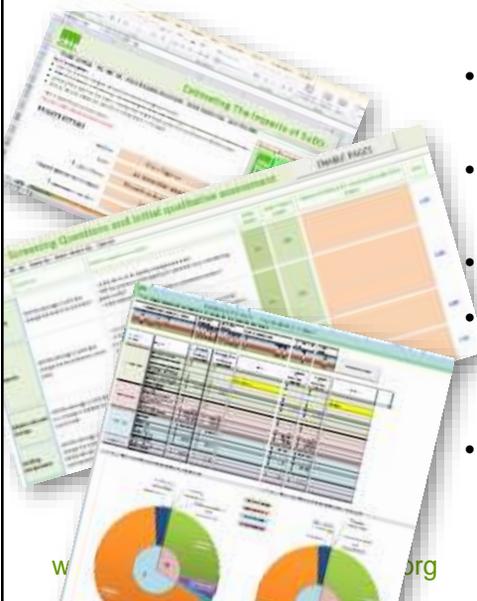
## Introduction to BeST tool from CIRIA

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### BeST: Benefits of SuDS Tool



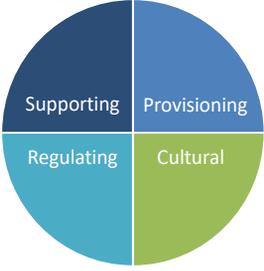
- Collation of evidence (400+ values from 100s of papers)
- Structured assessment approach
- Considers confidence
- Support practitioners to qualify and quantify (monetise) benefits
- Compare drainage options

## Wide range of benefits

**Triple bottom line**



**Ecosystem Services**



Benefit category	Monetised?
Air quality	✓
Amenity	✓
Biodiversity and ecology	✓
Building temperature	✓
Carbon reduction & sequestration	✓
Crime	✗
Economic growth	✗
Education	✓
Enabling development	✓ / ✗
Flexible infrastructure	tbc
Flooding	✓
Groundwater recharge	✓
Health	✓
Pumping wastewater	✓
Rainwater harvesting	✓
Recreation	✓
Tourism	✗
Traffic calming	✗
Treating wastewater	✓
Water quality	✓

## BeST has a suite of outputs



### Tools

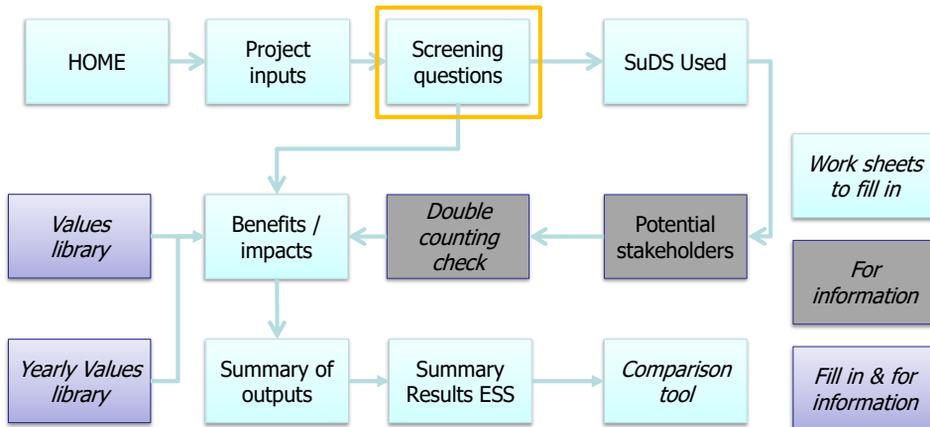
- W045a  
Evaluation
- W045b  
Comparison

### Support

- W045c  
Technical guidance
- W045d  
User manual

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# Methodical approach to assessing benefits starts with screening



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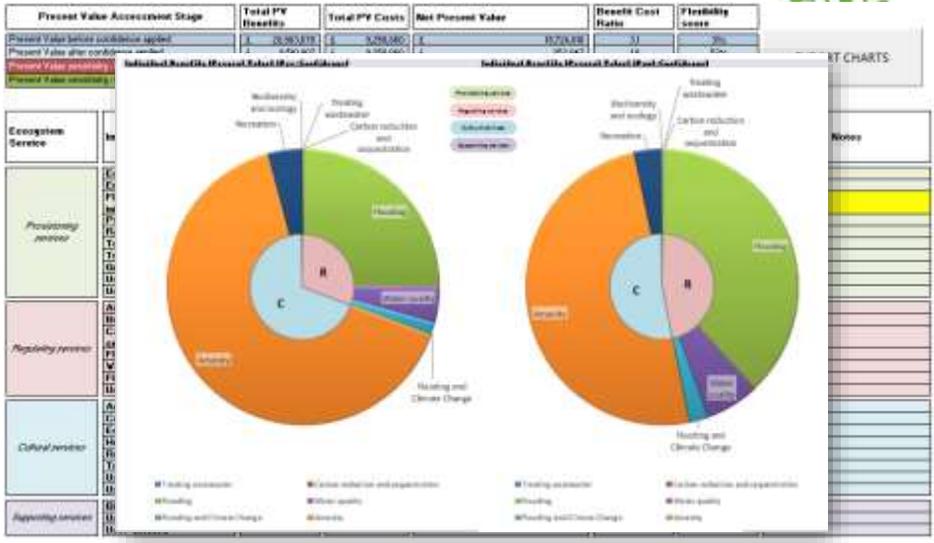


ciria Screening Questions and Initial qualitative assessment		ENABLE PAGES	
Impact	Question	Further aspects to consider	Level
Air quality	Will the drainage / SuDS also change the level of air pollution?	Is the site in an air quality management area? Will the scheme involve significant 'greening' (e.g. tree planting, green roofs)? Is the scheme in a populated area or a transport corridor?	NO
Acoustic	Will the drainage / SuDS also change the attractiveness of the place?	Does the scheme involve significant landscaping or greening? Is the scheme in a populated area, or an area used for recreation, work, commuting, travel, etc? Will SuDS features be visible to those living nearby or passing by? Could the scheme lead to inconvenience/annoyance to residents or others (e.g. during construction)?	YES
Biodiversity and ecology	Will the drainage / SuDS also lead to a change in habitats for plants and animals?	Will the scheme impact on a designated site (e.g. SSSI, SAC, SPA), habitats of Principal Importance (BAP priority habitats) or a site of local importance for nature? Will the scheme involve SuDS features that may improve these sites, or create new sites?	YES
Building temperature	Will the drainage / SuDS also change the potential for high temperature in summer and cold temperatures in winter?	Will the scheme involve significant 'greening' (e.g. tree planting, green roofs)? Is the scheme in a built-up area? Will the planting provide shading and wind protection to properties?	NO

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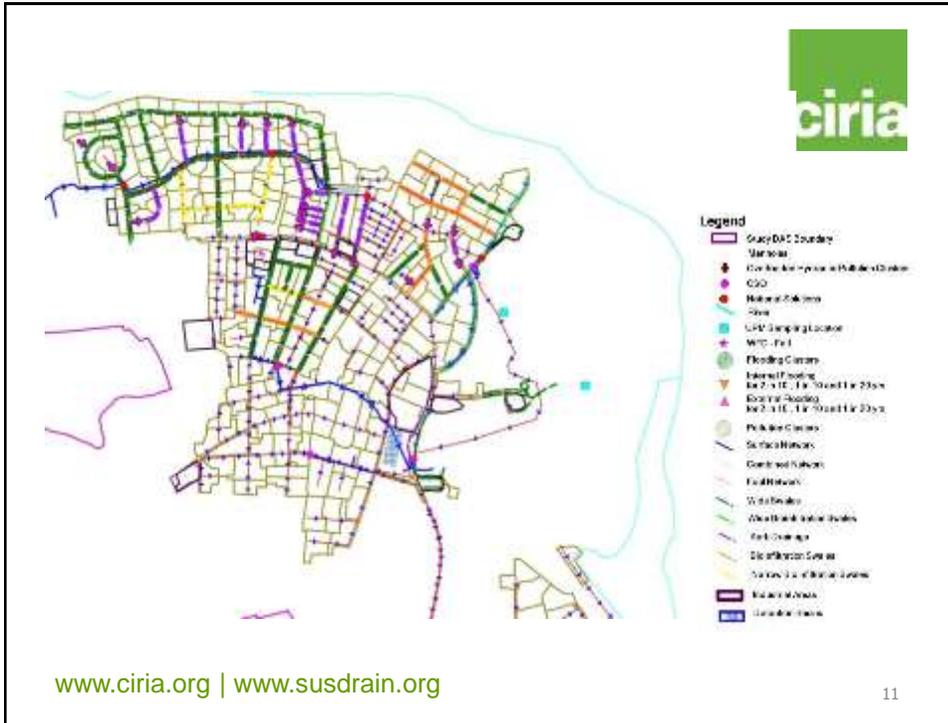
# Tool collates the results and generates graphs



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# Applying BeST – Retrofit Case Study





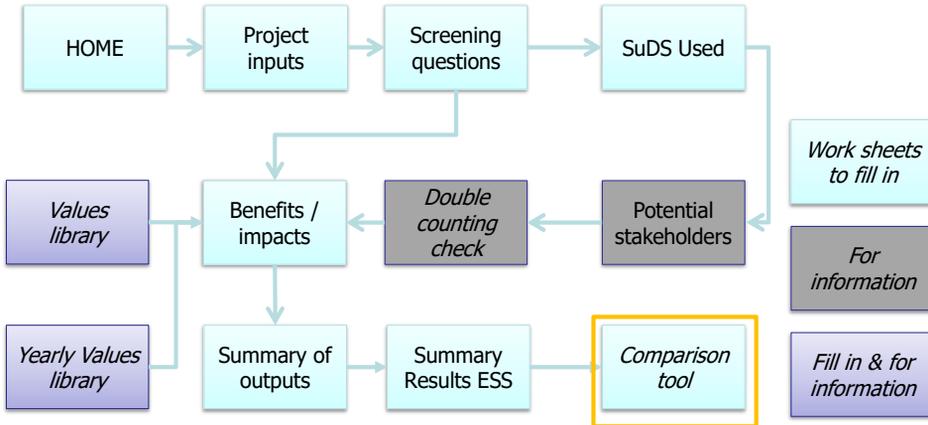
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Option summary	Ecosystem service type							
	Cultural		Regulating				Provisioning	Supporting
	Recreation	Amenity	Flooding and climate resilience	Carbon reduction	Water quality	Flooding	Treating wastewater	Biodiversity and ecology
Option 1: Conventional	-	-	*	*	✓	-	*	-
Option 2: Conventional+	-	-	*	*	✓	✓	*	-
Option 3: Public SuDS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Option 4: Public-Private SuDS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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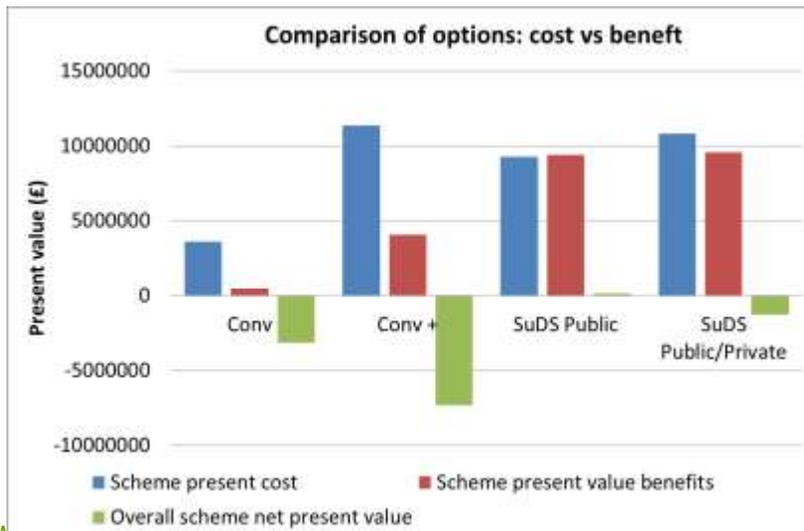
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## Comparison of costs and benefits using the comparison tool



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## In summary when looking to use the results



1. £ does not equal a £ - its an indication
2. Help identify the wider benefits
3. Demonstrate the potential level of benefits
4. Understand who might benefit
5. Support conversations, look at wider funding opportunities
6. Understand benefits to investigate further

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For more information and to download BeST, visit:

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Thank you

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