

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

Water and Sewerage Services Bill

Draft / Amendments

Clause 4

1 Page 3, line 2, after ““structure”” insert “includes landscaping, natural features and any other kind of non-engineered arrangement but”

2 Page 3, line 30, at end insert—

“(7A) In particular, the regulations may include provision about the use or adoption of soft sustainable drainage systems; and regulations by virtue of this subsection may—

- (a) define soft sustainable drainage systems, by reference to the use of landscaping, natural features and other kinds of non-engineered arrangement;
- (b) provide for the adoption of a system in whole or in part;
- (c) provide for conditional or limited adoption;

and regulations made by virtue of this subsection must include provision for commencement and transitional arrangements, following consultation between the Department and persons appearing to them to represent the interests of the engineering and drainage industries.”

3 Page 3, line 35, at end insert—

“(10) The Department may issue guidance designed to encourage and facilitate the use of soft sustainable drainage systems; and the guidance may define soft sustainable drainage systems by reference to the use of landscaping, natural features and other kinds of non-engineered arrangement.”