

## 2. Choosing the right separator

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Use the flow chart to help you select the appropriate system for your site. More than one separator might be required on larger sites or a site with many activities. You will need to consider the local circumstances and risk factors including:

- ◆ the discharge point of your proposed separator
- ◆ the environmental sensitivity of your location
- ◆ activities on your site

We advise that SUDS should be incorporated into the surface water drainage whenever possible and in Scotland, this is a legal requirement. This may remove the requirement for an oil separator.

### Notes to accompany the flowchart

<sup>1</sup> You must seek prior permission from your local sewer provider before you decide which separator to install and before you make any discharge.

<sup>2</sup> You must seek prior permission from us before you decide which separator to install.

<sup>3</sup> In this case, if it is considered that there is a low risk of pollution a source control SUDS scheme may be appropriate.

<sup>4</sup> In certain circumstances, the sewer provider may require a Class 1 separator for discharges to sewer to prevent explosive atmospheres from being generated.

<sup>5</sup> Drainage from higher risk areas such as vehicle maintenance yards and goods vehicle parking areas should be connected to foul sewer in preference to surface water.

<sup>6</sup> In certain circumstances, a separator may be one of the devices used in the SUDS scheme. Ask us for advice.

