

**Nominee: Flood Risk and Drainage Team, Stomor Ltd.**



<b>Category</b>	<b>3. Outstanding Team</b>
<b>Nominator</b>	Tim Chilvers, Land & Planning Director, Anderson Group

The Flood Risk and Drainage Team at Stomor Ltd is small but passionate about delivering high quality work, with a view to providing systemic changes to how communities use energy and impact the planet. They use innovative and sustainable methods to cut down on emissions during a project, extend the lifespan of a completed project, and introduce green infrastructure to new developments. Stomor have pioneered SuDS schemes since inception in 2007.

Following a recent Council approval for proposed development at Blackmore, the Client’s endorsement (of Sam Briscoe – Director of the Flood Risk and Drainage Team at Stomor) was as follows:

*“Without Sam’s involvement we would not have secured the backing of the local community. He patiently met with residents and their representatives and worked tirelessly to promote solutions to on and off-site problems that were the root cause of historic flooding events in the village. Yet again, Sam has delivered not just a technically robust solution, but a SuDS design that will generate a positive and enduring legacy for this village”.*

Stomor drainage strategies bring an exemplary level of design to every project. An LLFA approval response from Buckinghamshire Council demonstrates this:

*“We are clearly pleased that the applicant proposes to install so many SuDS features, and encourage the applicant to finalise a scheme that would undoubtedly become a flagship for SuDS in Buckinghamshire.”*

The senior management team provide dedicated mentorship to graduates and trainees to ensure that Stomor provide a continuing level of excellence at each level.

The Stomor team have provided a number of workshops and bulletins for over the years, providing Clients, Architects and Planners with information about emerging guidance and best practice.

The team strive to be at the forefront of new technology; recently implementing new software, SCALGO, to explore of surface water flow paths and flood prone areas. They are using this software to inform various development proposals, by optimising terrain-based measures for surface water management, integrating this with the overall SuDS implementation across the site.

Stomor have recently challenged a Local Authority Streetlighting team, on their design approach which was detrimental to SuDS effectiveness and had been implemented across various sites designed by others. Stomor's challenge has successfully resulted in positive changes to how SuDS will be viewed on future schemes, as demonstrated by the response from the LLFA, below. (Authority details blocked for confidentiality). This clearly demonstrates Stomor's dedication to promote SuDS despite challenges.

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Hi Nicola,

Can I firstly apologise for you and your team having been dragged into what should have been an internal discussion within SCC. And secondly, I couldn't have put forward the case for maintaining the sustainable drainage in its approved form better than you did so thank you for defending it so robustly.

We have significant concerns about the approach being proposed to remove swales in favour of streetlighting columns. I can assure you that I have escalated this within the LLFA, the streetlighting team and the wider highways team. If you have any further push back regarding this matter then please let me know however I trust this will shortly be resolved both for this site and for future sites that may come forward with similar challenges.

Kind regards

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