

Wednesday September 11th, 2013

The Director
Drainage Division
Ministry of the Environment and Drainage
Pine North – South Road
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SAINT MICHAEL

Dear Sir

Re: Severe Drainage and Flooding Problems at Sion Hill, Lower Carlton, Doughlin Road, Weston and Rock Dundo in Saint James during Rainy Weather Conditions

I refer to my earlier letters dated 23rd October, 2012 and 6th November, 2012 written to you relative to the above captioned matter. I can trace no written response from your department to the latter letter even though we have indeed communicated subsequently by the way of telephone on these issues.

Two of your officers did indeed visit with me these affected areas, and other districts in Saint James North such as Trents Tenantry, Westmoreland, Doughlin Road and Rock Dundo, on Wednesday 17th April this year. Certain actions were agreed to be taken in each case to attempt to alleviate the extremely severe effects of flooding and drainage issues after heavy rainfalls.

I am, however, aware that all of these mentioned areas continue to be significantly affected under the circumstances, with the quality of lives and the livelihood of many of the residents being threatened.

I now write kindly requesting you to inform me in writing as to the status of your Division's efforts to alleviate this problem in each of the above-mentioned districts since five months is long enough time, in my submission, for strategies to be devised and implemented to deal with the matter.

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I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

Edmund G. Hinkson, M.P.
Member of Parliament for St. James North

cc. **The Honourable Dr. Denis Lowe, M.P.**
Minister of the Environment and Drainage

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of the Environment and Drainage

The Residents of Sion Hill, Lower Carlton, Doughlin Road, Westmoreland, Trents Tenantry and Rock Dundo, Saint James.