

April 13, 2012

The Director  
Drainage Unit  
Ministry of Drainage  
Pine North-South  
**SAINT MICHAEL**

Dear Sir,

**Re: Severe Drainage and Flooding Problems at Trents and Trents Tenantry,  
Saint James During Rainy Weather Conditions**

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I write this letter in my capacity as the Barbados Labour Party Candidate for Saint James North in the upcoming General Elections. This constituency comprises Trents, Trents Tenantry and their immediate environs.

As your Department and Parent Ministry is undoubtedly aware, the said areas are subject to very severe flooding and drainage issues whenever a heavy downpour of rain falls, even for a period of just a half of an hour. This problem has been on-going for a number of years. The majority of residents who are affected by these flooding conditions are, understandably, by now totally frustrated by what they consider to be the failure of Government to address this issue and to alleviate this problem.

I have received complaints variously from the vast majority of the residents that the existing wells in the area are too small, are too few and are too clogged up with debris to even offer minimal protection to the residents from the adverse effects of heavy rainfall and consequential flooding.

I have taken notice of the fact that your Department is about to employ an additional two hundred and fifty workers or thereabouts in an attempt to

buttress the labour force required to address this type of problem nationally. I sincerely trust and hope that this part of Barbados, which by its west coastal nature is surely one of the worst affected areas, is given priority by your Department in this regard. The quality of life of a large community of tax-paying Barbadians is at stake.

I look forward to receiving your Department's response as to when you reasonably expect that this matter will be dealt with. I trust that it will be in the very near future.

Yours faithfully,

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**EDMUND G. HINKSON**  
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**Cc. The Minister of the Environment and Drainage**

**The Honourable Rawle Eastmond, J.P, M.P.**

**The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Drainage**

**The Residents of Trents and Trents Tenantry, Saint James**