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Douglas Millican
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Dear Mr Millican,

Ref: Stonehaven Flooding & Sewage Network

I write to raise concerns noted by my constituents regarding Stonehaven's aging sewage network and reoccurring flooding issues.

As you will be aware the town of Stonehaven in my constituency has been disproportionately impacted by flooding which has done untold damage to business and residential premises over the last 50 years. Thankfully we are in a position where shortly the flood defence scheme will be completed, however there is still more work to be done.

Stonehaven suffers from an outdated and overcapacity sewage system especially in the "old town". As recently as 6th September 2022 flood waters were present with areas of the town covered in up to 7 inches of water. This flooding is apparently unconnected from the major incidents in previous years but has been hypothesised as to being caused by blocked drains and an ageing network of sewage pipes.

I would be grateful if you could outline a few questions to aid myself and my constituents to understand Scottish Water's position:

- Has Scottish Water made an assessment of the causes behind the flooding on 6th September 2022?
- What more work is Scottish Water undertaking in Stonehaven to ensure there is no further flooding?
- Would Scottish Water further engage with the local community in Stonehaven to discuss further measures to prevent flooding and updating the sewage network?

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Bowie', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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