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Mrs H. Saunders,  
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Dear Mrs Saunders,

Further to my letter of 1<sup>st</sup> June and various letters from Riverside Design.

As I recall at the time "Tamarind" was built, work started on footings but then stopped, as there was no stable ground for footings, and hence the property was eventually built on a large concrete raft.

What happened to the drainage from this spring/soft ground I do not know but obviously it had to go somewhere. The weight of the raft would obviously compress the immediate area and effectively drain any drainage from above in a north-south direction. This drainage would find a level before seeping horizontally before finding a route to again flow down in a southerly direction. In the intervening period a track was made to the north of "Tamarind" which has been gradually "improved" to a surfaced driveway which must affect the drainage from the north.

A letter from Riverside Design mentions surface drainage but, this is only part of the problem.

It is stated in a letter of the 23rd July that the area is not prone to flooding and there is only one recorded incident, but I can remember occasions which must then have gone unrecorded.

It is further stated that in the view of the Environment Agency "the proposals would not under normal circumstances be of concern". What about abnormal circumstances? global warming, changing weather conditions we hear so much about. Are they to be conveniently forgotten about? The risk of flooding is known to exist.

As I stated in my original letter my garden has become increasingly wet

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over the years - this last winter there were areas of standing  
water which at times drained down the side path - steps onto  
church dome.

Yours sincerely,

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