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The curse of Dumfries

SIR — Once more the residents and businesses of the Waterfront area of Dumfries have had to endure another Jeckle and Hyde episode — namely the river Nith and the misery that goes with it.

At 12.15am on October 25 we received a phone call that the river was to flood between the hours of 3 and 4am. On checking the river I found it to be at least a metre below the Canal and at that time there was no danger of flooding.

When returning to our premises in the morning we found the flood water covering the Waterfront area but it was not until 9am that it was lapping against the doors of our premises and had already flooded a number of premises.

What is the point of having a flood warning scheme if it is still giving out the wrong information?

The residents and businesses have endured this misery long enough. Is it not time that some forward thinking councillors and local authority decision makers stood up and were counted as being the people that solved the flooding problem and be remembered for it?

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in front area. I believe this is the stop of floods contaminating the river. An area of flooding.

But what of the residents that have to endure the flood water that flows freely through the Sandy opening into their premises?

It was good to see our local police presence during the period of the flood. Unfortunately during the time of the flood I saw no evidence of any local authority vehicles, workmen or councilors during this critical time and it was very disappointing to the local residents and businesses alike.

The business people and the residents have had enough of disruption and loss of revenue over the years and deserve to be treated better as they pay their share of rates and taxes as well.

Earlier this year monies were found to solve flooding in another part of our region. But still no monies have been spent in our largest town to help solve the curse of Dumfries.

Earlier this month 29 million pounds were released into the Scottish economy to solve a number of flooding areas. I hope that some of this money will be coming to our region and go towards solving the flooding of our waterfront?

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can be only seen that the vast majority of the residents want to see the Waterfront area re-brought to the first phase of regeneration should take place.

But to regenerate an area you have to solve the flooding. No company would want to invest large amounts of revenue on a flood plain.

What we have at the moment is a car park on a flood plain when we should have a vibrant busy brightly lit waterfront town like Newcastle.

As I have pointed out before most towns and cities have realised the potential of these areas and more of them have been regenerating them to bring much needed new business revenue and visitors to their towns.

In the last few weeks, more and more town centre shops are sadly closing their doors and the town continues on a downward spiral. Yet other towns in our region are flourishing you have to ask the question why?

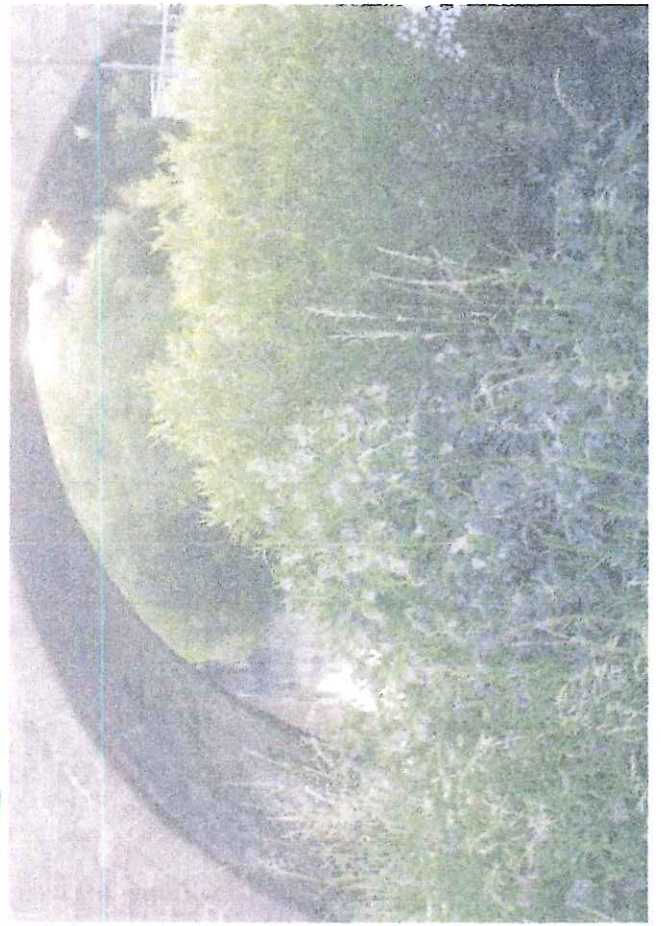
So decision makers, there is a saying is a pint glass half full or half empty? For too long now it seems to have been half empty. Why not try saying it is half full — the difference between being a pessimist or an optimist. I know which one I would chose.

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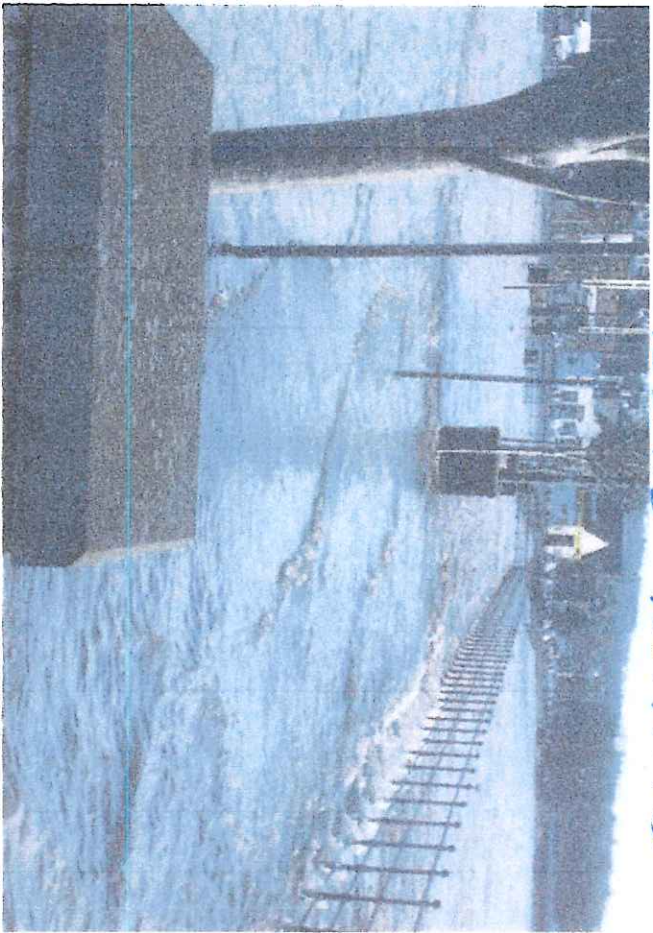
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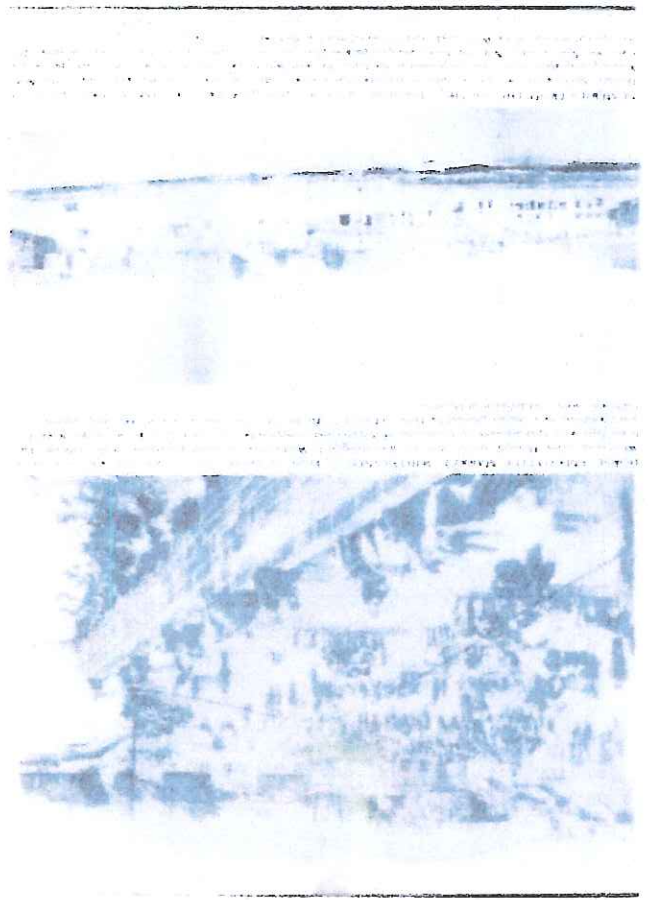
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