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| ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION NOT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT (Regulation 5 of the **Environmental Impact Assessment (Land Drainage Improvement Works) Regulations** 1999 as amended by SI 2005/1399 and  SI 2006/618 |

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| AVEBURY AVENUE FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME    The Environment Agency gives notice that it proposes to carry out improvement works to the flood defences on the River Medway in Avebury Avenue, Tonbridge, Kent between the BT Phone Exchange building (NGR TQ5874746230) and the car park of 112b to 112g Barden Road flats (NGR TQ5847046223), a distance of 0.3 kilometres. The proposed improvement works will involve the following: the creation of a low level brick wall which will run along the back of the communal carparks of Avebury Avenue flats (numbers 48 to 108), the Dentist of Barden Road and Flats 112b to 112g of Barden Road.  During December 2013, more than 80 homes in Danvers Road, Barden Road and in the roads south of Avebury Avenue, flooded internally. It was identified that the houses flooded from the River Medway. The communal gardens and carparks of the Avebury Avenue flats were identified as flow paths. By building the low rise walls, the flow paths will be blocked and the flood risk to these houses, reduced.  The Environment Agency considers that the improvement works are not likely to have significant effects on the environment and does not intend to prepare an environmental statement in respect of them.  Any person wishing to make representations in relation to the likely environmental effects of the proposed improvement works should do so, in writing, to the address specified below, within 28 days of the date of publication of this notice*.*  Melanie Fuller, Technical Advisor, Partnership and Strategic Overview Team, West Kent  Environment Agency, Orchard House, Endeavour Park, London Road, Addington, Kent, ME19 5SH |