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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) |

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| Barge Canal bank repairs, Romsey  THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (LAND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS) REGULATIONS  The Environment Agency (‘the Agency’) gives notice that it proposes to carry out improvement works to a section of the Barge Canal upstream of Belbins Bridge, Romsey (between SU 35153 23617 and SU 35749 23229). The proposed improvement works will reinstate the low points in the right bank of the Barge Canal. This will result in greater storage capacity in the Barge Canal during periods of high flows and reduce the flood risk in Romsey town centre.  The 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. A low risk environmental impact assessment has been carried out and is available by contacting: - Joanna Tutton at Environment Agency, Romsey Area office, Canal Walk, Romsey, SO51 7LP.  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 above, within 28 days of the date of publication of this notice*.* |