

CARDIFF

Here is summary of regional representations received in relation to Cardiff Council's regional casino bid. The consultation period was between 24 May 2006 and 28 June 2006; the summary shows representations received up until 8 July 2006.

Support

- We received 21 letters of supporting Cardiff's regional casino bid.
- Of these, 5 were generally supportive of the development of a regional casino in Cardiff as part of the International Sports Village.¹
- We received 2 letters which particularly identified the development of a regional casino in Cardiff as a valuable investment opportunity.²
- One letter from a local police authority highlighted the unique challenges successfully tackled with the Millennium Stadium, which would translate to the successful operation and management of a regional casino.³
- Fifteen letters emphasised that the development of the International Sports Village in time for the 2012 Olympic Games is contingent upon a regional casino being located in Cardiff. The concern is that without it, key funding will be delayed thus preventing timely completion. Several added that central government funding would be not required to proceed with the proposed scheme.⁴

Objections

¹ Chris Bryant MP Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, 6 July 2006
Peter Cole; Capital Region Tourism, 23 June 2006
Peter Hales; E J Hales Chartered Surveyors, 22 June 2006
Gill Bird; Cardiff County Council, 20 June 2006-08-08
Brian Griffiths; Cardiff County Council, 20 June 2006

² Mike Luscombe; Morley Fund Management, 26 June 2006
Ian Williams; International Business Wales, 23 June 2006

³ R Evans; Chief Superintendent South Wales Police, 26 June 2006

⁴ Russell Roberts; Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, 28 June 2006
Rt Hon Alun Michael JP MP; Julie Morgan MP; Jenny Willot MP; Kevin Brennan MP, 27 June 2006
Michael Woolhouse; Parkwood Leisure, 27 June 2006
Julian Verity; Veritair Ltd, 27 June 2006
Rt Hon Rhodri Morgan, 27 June 2006
Ian Miller; Solace (Wales), 27 June 2006
Mervyn Burnett; GMB South Western Region, 27 June 2006
Rodney Berman, Gregory Owens, David Walker; Cardiff County Council, 26 June 2006
Janice Gregory AM; National Assembly of Wales – Ogmore, 26 June 2006
Steve Thomas; WLGA, 26 June 2006
Colin Jackson, 16 June 2006
John Harris, 16 June 2006
Lynn Davies, 16 June 2006
Sir Steve Redgrave CBE, 16 June 2006
Lorraine Barrett AM; National Assembly for Wales, 16 June 2006

- We received 1 letter of representation opposing Cardiff's regional casino bid expressing concern that the majority of the public do not want a super casino, but would welcome the associated leisure and sporting facilities.⁵

⁵ Mr HE Wickam, 31 May 2006