

10 August 2006

Ms Valerie Curtis
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Dear Ms Curtis

Statement to Casino Advisory Panel

In response to the invitation from the Casino Advisory Panel to organisations that would like to be participants in the Examination in Public, Glasgow Harbour Limited would wish to participate and underneath are set out the principal areas which would be addressed in support of the Glasgow application for a regional casino.

Glasgow Harbour Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of Peel Holdings Ltd and Glasgow Harbour is the principal development within the Clyde Regeneration area. This extensive development initiative extends to 130 acres on the north bank of the Clyde adjacent to Glasgow's City Centre and the West End.

Historically, the site was largely owned by the port authority.

A partnership with the City Council has brought about a comprehensive masterplan which creates a new district in the west end of the city at the joining of the River Clyde and the River Kelvin creating new housing, retail and leisure attractions and commercial space.

The riverfront, which is now becoming available for public access, provides 3km of cycle and walkways and the disconnection from the city is reversed by removing derelict railway embankments with road improvements carried out to allow direct access as well as resolving existing congestion.

Planning for this was granted in 2001 and development is now well underway.

Over and above site acquisition costs, the public realm investment alone being carried out by Glasgow Harbour is in excess of £60m providing 40 acres of public realm incorporating a 12 acre park and a wide range of cycle paths and walkways as well as new roads and four new bridges. As part of the partnership with the Council, a riverfront site for the new Transport Museum is being provided and the Council's plans for this area are well underway to create a landmark building at this location.

The Peel group are also extensively involved in other regeneration projects on the Clyde from Glasgow to Ardrossan with over 400 acres of land under redevelopment. In addition the company has a wide range of regeneration projects throughout the UK and abroad.

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We actively support Glasgow's application for a regional casino for the following reasons:

The addition of a regional casino to Glasgow's existing attractions will reinforce the regeneration of Glasgow and reinforce its existing economic and tourism bases. The range of facilities within Glasgow Harbour, Glasgow City Centre, and the West End with associated visitor attractions and exhibition and conference facilities will, when added to by the Regional Casino create a critical mass and a national destination with world class facilities for the Clyde Valley region and Scotland as a whole.

The Glasgow Harbour development allows the regional casino to form part of a fully integrated leisure retail and tourist destination which reinforces the above critical mass and is well served with first class existing and new transport infrastructure.

The increased tourism and visitor attractions base will create additional and accelerated leisure activity and use of the Clyde and its waterfront, again adding to and accelerating the regeneration of the Clyde.

Increased employment opportunities will be created as a result of the casino development and associated developments. This will be achieved directly from the casino and its operator via the development investment and the ongoing operation with targeted employment and training programmes which will be carried out in partnership with the local enterprise agencies. This will add to and reinforce the other aspects of the Glasgow Harbour development and its associated training and employment programmes.

Yours sincerely

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