

MANCHESTER

Here is summary of regional representations received in relation to Manchester City 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.

Objections

- We received 3 letters opposing the regional casino bid, all of which identified East Manchester - the proposed location - as a socially and economically deprived area at high risk to problem gambling.¹
- Two letters raised the concern that provisions for problem gamblers were inadequate at present, and were sceptical that the situation would improve should Manchester win the bid.²
- One letter from a Christian community alliance attached a petition signed by 82 individuals, objecting to the proposed location for the casino on the basis of a negative social impact.³

Support

- We have received 4 letters in favour of Manchester's regional casino bid.
- One letter was received from the Residents' Forum in East Manchester confirming their unanimous support for the regional casino bid in their area.⁴
- We received a further three letters welcoming a regional casino in East Manchester, primarily in recognition of its regenerative potential in what is a deprived area.⁵

¹ Dr Marijke Hoek; 'Network' Greater Manchester Evangelical Fellowship and Robert Davies; The Maranatha Community, 7 July 2006
Mark Perry MRCCGP, 27 June 2006
Elizabeth Coleman; Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), 26 June 2006

² Dr Marijke Hoek; 'Network' Greater Manchester Evangelical Fellowship and Robert Davies; The Maranatha Community, 7 July 2006
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³ Dr Marijke Hoek; 'Network' Greater Manchester Evangelical Fellowship and Robert Davies; The Maranatha Community, 7 July 2006

⁴ Steven Woollon; East Manchester Residents' Forum, 26 June 2006

⁵ Peter Thomas MBE; The Velodrome Trust, 3 July 2006
Irene Baron; Beacon's Board, 26 June 2006
Steve Green, 24 June 2006