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Jane Bransby
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Tuesday, 14 March 2006,

Dear Ms Bransby,

Regional Casinos in the London Thames Gateway Development Corporation area

I am writing to advise the panel that, at the meeting on the 6th March 2006, the Board of the London Thames Gateway Development Corporation agreed to express its support, in principle, for the provision of a Regional Casino and/or large or small casinos within the LTGDC area, on regeneration grounds.

Specifically, the Board expressed its support for the London Borough of Havering's bid to the national Casino Advisory Panel for a regional casino and entertainment complex to be located at Rainham. In supporting the plan, the Corporation has recognised that the proposal offers significant regeneration potential. Although it is mindful to reserve its position as a planning authority, as the Corporation would have a role in determining a planning application for the proposal.

On this basis, may I also advise you of the Corporation's wish to be consulted on all proposals submitted to the panel which are within the LTGDC operating area or may be considered to affect its operating area. I have included an illustrative map for this purpose and would be happy to advise you, or the panel, in the event that further clarification is required with regard to specific sites.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Allen'.

JOHN ALLEN
Director of Planning
For and on behalf of London Thames Gateway Development Corporation



New homes, more jobs and better opportunities for local people are the priorities for the new London Thames Gateway Development Corporation, which will take forward the strategic regeneration of the Lower Lea Valley and Barking-Havering Riverside.

Chaired by Lorraine Baldry, it will build on the success of Canary Wharf and the excitement of the Olympics bid, working closely with partners across the private, public and voluntary sectors, to lead the regeneration of these key parts of London.

With extensive development and planning powers and single-minded focus it will provide the real clout necessary to get things done.

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