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Dear Mr Roberts

Anschutz have advised us of their proposals for a regional casino and entertainment complex on Greenwich Peninsula and have asked for our support.

I recognise that the proposed developments would result in exceptional regeneration benefits for both the Greenwich Peninsula and the Thames Gateway. The proposals would improve the environment and image, economy and employment, transport, and quality of life for communities, and act as a catalyst for further development and investment in a part of London that is a key national, regional and local priority for regeneration.

As you will know, the Mayor's London Plan identifies the Greenwich Peninsula as a designated opportunity area within the East London sub-region, where the Dome is identified as a potential leisure attraction of international significance. East London, of course, is the Mayor's priority area for development, regeneration and infrastructure improvement, currently suffering significant levels of deprivation, high unemployment (with limited part-time opportunities) and problems of social exclusion.

The planned casino has been proposed as part of a larger-scale regeneration proposal of regional or national importance. Regeneration of the Dome and the wider area raises a range of challenges and issues that mean it would have much to contribute to the Government's initial pilot of new casino formats. On this basis I would support the Mayor's view that the Dome would be an appropriate location for a regional casino.

Of course, it is for the Mayor to decide how best to represent London's view to Government and the Greenwich option therefore has to be put in this context. Nonetheless, the potential benefits to the Greenwich Peninsula and the Thames Gateway are clear and I am happy to add my support on this basis.

Yours sincerely



**Manny Lewis**  
**Chief Executive**