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Casino Advisory Panel – Call for Proposals

Dear Professor Crow

Further to my letter dated 14th March 2006, I can confirm that the wording previously provided as the Regional Planning Body's consideration, policy position and attitude was approved at the meeting of the North West Regional Assembly on 7th April 2006.

For ease I have reproduced the approved wording below.

The North West Regional Assembly, as Regional Planning Body for the North West, supports the development of regional casinos in the following locations – Blackpool, Manchester and Liverpool, with the preferred location for a single regional casino pilot being Blackpool.

Outside of these locations the Regional Assembly would expect casino development to be located within the key towns and cities identified in the Regional Spatial Strategy (RPG13), and to be within town centre locations in accordance with PPS6, and in accessible locations in accordance with PPG13.

This position should be reflected in the submissions that you have received from authorities in the North West.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J.M. Gallagher".

Michael Gallagher
Director of Planning, Transport and Housing

The **North West Regional Assembly** is a partnership of local government, business organisations, public sector agencies, education and training bodies, trade unions and co-operatives together with the voluntary sector, working to promote the economic, environmental and social well-being of the North West of England (Cheshire, Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Merseyside)

The Assembly has been designated as the regional chamber for the North West Development Agency.