



24 January 2006

Jane Bransby
The Casino Advisory Panel
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Dear Jane

**RE: ROLE OF THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY IN RELATION TO THE CASINO
ADVISORY PANEL**

I refer to your letter of the 11th of November 2005 sent to the Chief Executive of the East of England Regional Assembly regarding Casino developments in Great Britain arising from the Gambling Act.

Your letter confirms that consultation has included Local Authorities in England, Scotland and Wales as well as, of course, the Regional Assembly.

Therefore, I request that further consultation be undertaken direct with Thurrock Thames Gateway Development Corporation given the role mandated by Government and the Secretary of State for the ODPM.

Direct consultation as practiced by other governmental departments will assist in an informed and expeditious response.

Notwithstanding, I enclose a copy of the letter to the East of England Regional Assembly confirming that the Development Corporation would be receptive particularly to Regional Casino development but also large or small Casino development.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Bassett".

Peter Bassett
Director of Planning and Strategy