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Dear Professor Crow

Re: Cardiff International Sports Village - Regional Casino

I refer to the recent announcement from the Casino Advisory Panel to include Cardiff Council's proposal for a Regional Casino in its provisional shortlist to be taken forward for further consultation and examination.

Capital Region Tourism (CRT) is the regional tourism partnership serving South East Wales. All local authorities in the region, along with elected trade representatives, serve on the CRT's board of management. CRT is responsible for the Regional Tourism Strategy which identifies five key market propositions: Business Tourism; Luxury Breaks; Events based Tourism; Culture and Heritage Tourism and Golf Tourism. CRT's board received and discussed Cardiff's plans for the International Sports Village at its last meeting.

Development of the Cardiff International Sports Village including a Regional Casino will have a significant impact in delivering key outputs for the strategy. Also the Regional Casino will unlock significant investment potential which will greatly assist in bringing forward the regeneration of a major brown field site together with a range of world class sporting and visitor destination facilities for the whole of the region and country. These in turn could be completed by 2010 and then used as a training base for teams in the run up to London 2012. Also the Project will generate excellent employment prospects with up to 5,000 new jobs being created, 1500 of which would be directly related to the casino, plus additional training opportunities and significant inward investment in the site, the local community and environment.

We therefore extend our support for Cardiff's proposals for a Regional Casino at the Cardiff International Sports Village site which will act as an excellent pilot scheme for the best test of social and economic impact and similarly regenerate a significant brown field site with the provision of world class sports and leisure facilities.

Yours Sincerely

Peter Cole
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