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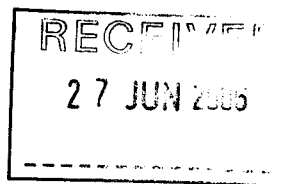
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26th June, 2006.

Professor Steven Crow,
Chairman of the Casino Advisory Panel,
2-4 Cockspur Street,
London.
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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 (CAP) to include Cardiff Council's proposal for a Regional Casino in its provisional shortlist to be taken forward for further consultation and examination.

Cardiff currently enjoys considerable envy and admiration from across the country in respect of the management of event and night time economy activities. South Wales Police together with both private and statutory partners forming part of the Community Safety Partnership have tried and tested strategies and tactics to deal with both volume and diversity that such a vibrant city like Cardiff presents. Working in conjunction with the Council and the partners of the Community Action for Responsible Gaming group a mutually planned and co-ordinated action plan will be put in place to respond to any social, crime and disorder or event issues which are generated through the operation of a Regional Casino.

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I would also point out that Cardiff currently has one of the largest licensed premises in the country at the Millennium Stadium with a seating capacity in excess of 74,000 people. The stadium attracts world wide recognition and hosts both national and international events and it is well documented that the Cardiff Safety Partnership has embraced and tackled successfully all the unique challenges that this has presented and these experiences would be brought into place in the operation and management of a Regional Casino. Indeed this process has already started as in conjunction with the Council my officers have already met representatives of the Gambling Commission and Aspers to discuss and review any issues regarding their existing casino operation.

I believe it is this firm foundation that places Cardiff in a position of strength to further develop and adapt policies and operations to successfully manage a Regional Casino. Therefore we are well placed for both the South Wales Police and the Cardiff Community Safety Partnership to offer our support in the proposal to CAP for a Regional Casino at the Cardiff International Sports Village.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Evans', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

R. EVANS,
Chief Superintendent.