

Greenwich

Here is summary of regional representations received in relation to Greenwich Council's regional casino bid. The consultation period was between 24 May 2006 and 28 June 2006; the summary shows representations received up until 8 July 2006.

Objections

- We have received 22 letters from members of the public opposing the proposed casino in Greenwich.
- Of these, 7 expressed a general anti-gambling sentiment, notably wary of attracting a new criminal element to the area.¹
- Three letters emphasised that the local area suffers high unemployment levels and social deprivation, suggesting its vulnerability to problem gambling.²
- Three commented more specifically that they felt it would be inappropriate to place the casino together with family-oriented leisure facilities, as proposed.³
- Another three letters pointed out that there was no demand for a casino in the area, but welcomed the associated leisure facilities included in the regeneration plan.⁴
- Two members of the public cited the Price Waterhouse Cooper report commissioned by Greenwich borough council, concluding that problem gambling represented the biggest social risk.⁵
- Four letters objected primarily on the grounds of potential traffic increase and associated environmental concerns, two of which also strongly opposed the construction of a hotel complex on the Greenwich Peninsula.⁶

¹ Russell Brand, 5 July 2006
Beth Acheson, 27 June 2006
Phil Acheson, 27 June 2006
Kevin Lea, 26 June 2006
Susanne Schrewe, 26 June 2006
Chris Smith, 2 June 2006
againstthecasino@hotmail.com, 31 May 2006

²The United Reform Church: South East London District, 23 June 2006
John Wilks, 2 June 2006
The Salvation Army: Deptford Corps, 21 March 2006

³ Ken Stewart, 26 June 2006
Pam Fallas, 24 June 2006
Kay Statter, 21 June 2006

⁴ Ken & Linda Hurd, 27 June 2006
Niall Bell, 3 June 2006
Wendy Young, 1 June 2006

⁵ John Simmons, 18 June 2006
JFC Bennett, 1 June 2006

⁶Myles Dove, 28 June 2006
Jeanette Tsang, 10 June 2006
John Bell, 4 June 2006
John Cook, 1 June 2006

Support

- We have received 18 letters of representation expressing support for the proposed Regional casino in Greenwich.
- Of these, 5 recognised the positive impact of a regional casino in the area in general.⁷
- Another five letters emphasised the proposed casino's regenerative potential and the creation of new jobs in the area.⁸
- One letter proposed the cultural merits of the proposed casino and its potential to support wider artistic endeavour.⁹
- Three letters offered enthusiastic support for the plans to redevelop the O2; the proposed location for the casino.¹⁰
- Four letters welcomed the significant contribution a regional casino would bring the local visitor economy and were receptive to the associated hotel development plans on the Greenwich peninsula.¹¹

⁷ Mr CD Tester, 2 June 2006

Sergeant Dale Openshaw, 1 June 2006

Eric Sorenson; Thames Gateway London Partnership, 30 March 2006

Sir Bob Scott; Greenwich Peninsula Partnership, 29 March 2006

Prof. Robin Baker OBE; Ravensbourne College of Design and Communication, 22 March 2002

⁸ Gavin Booth, 31 May 2006

Manny Lewis; London Development Agency, 5 April 2006

David Main; South London Business, 13 March 2006

Marc Hume; The University of Greenwich, 10 March 2006

Geoff Pine; Greenwich Community College, 1 March 2006

⁹ Gavin Henderson; Trinity College of Music and Laban, 13 March 2006

¹⁰ Simon Weeks, 20 June 2006

Ted Paxton, 1 June 2006

Tim Barnes; the Greenwich Society, 18 March 2006

¹¹ Duncan Wilson; Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site, 31 March 2006

'Firepower' The Royal Artillery Museum, 31 March 2006

James Bidwell; Visit London, 17 March 2006

Bob Harris; TourEast London, 8 March 2006