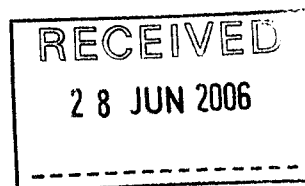


Professor Stephen Crow,
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26th June 2006



Dear Professor Crow,

I am the Chairman of the East Manchester Residents Forum, and we wish to express our Forums support for the Regional Casino Plans, at Sportcity in Manchester. As a Residents Forum we work closely with New East Manchester, the regeneration company, to make sure that the views of local people are taken on board on a wide range of projects.

The Residents Forum has debated this issue at a meeting earlier this year, and there was unanimous support for the Regional Casino Plans. We look forward to all the benefits this will bring. It is much needed, and we have a great deal of confidence in NEM's plans to stop the casino from bringing any negative impacts to the area. We have made sure that their work to help problem gamblers, and to stop any extra traffic from being a problem gives us every confidence.

We are particularly impressed by the additional facilities that will be part of the complex, to add to what is already available at Sportcity. More than 2000 jobs in any area is fantastic, but in East Manchester it is extremely important, given the levels of deprivation which we are still suffering. Nothing else will help us like a casino, and we are proud to support the proposals.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. Woollon".

Steven Woollon