

Dear Kate

Re: Regional Casino in Sheffield

I am writing to inform you that Doncaster Chamber of Commerce is keen to support Sheffield's plans to build a regional casino; we believe such a venture will bring considerable benefits to businesses in our area and thus benefit the regional economy.

A regional casino could significantly enhance the region's tourism offer and contribute significantly to South Yorkshire becoming a tourism and leisure destination that rivals European competitors. It is also evident that a casino would attract much business via Robin Hood Airport Doncaster Sheffield and the East Coast Mainline thus bringing further benefits to the area.

It is our view that a regional casino will bring people from far and wide to the region with the extra expenditure by these visitors going straight to local businesses.

Doncaster Chamber is therefore very supportive of Sheffield's application and I understand from your website that there will be an opportunity to meet with you during your examination in public. I would welcome that opportunity and look forward to meeting with you and your panel members to represent the views of our organisation.

As a thriving Chamber we represent 800 businesses from the Doncaster area across a wide range of sectors, we therefore trust our views will be given due weight.

Yours sincerely

Neville Dearden