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From: Keith Woodhead [keith.woodhead@southwest-ra.gov.uk]
Sent: 12 April 2006 09:25
To: BRANSBY JANE
Cc: Stuart Todd
Subject: RE: Draft consultation docs for the Casino Advisory Panel

Dear Jane

I've just been checking for missed emails and have come across your message below from January - many apologies for overlooking this (pressure of work on the now completed draft Regional Spatial Strategy is my excuse I'm afraid). I should be grateful if you could keep us in touch with any further developments.

We have included a policy covering casinos in the draft RSS and we will be undertaking full public consultation on the draft for 12 weeks from mid May onwards. We will be glad to hear the views of the DCMS at that stage on this policy and of course on those covering tourism, culture and sport.

The current draft of the policy states:

Policy CA1 Regional and Large Casinos

Regional and large casinos should only be developed in locations where:

- they support and extend the range of attractions in existing regional tourism destinations named as Strategically Significant Cities and Towns (see Development Policy A) and/or
- they assist regeneration measures in a location named in Section 4 (of the RSS), which will not threaten the economic viability of established tourist resorts in the immediate catchment and where an adequate labour supply can be provided;
- they offer large scale and appropriate public transport access;
- any negative social impact can be minimised; and benefits for regeneration and the local economy can be identified.

Essentially, bullets 1 and 2 cover locations such as Bournemouth, Bath, Bristol, Cheltenham, Torquay, Weston super Mare, Falmouth, Weymouth, Plymouth and, arguably, Newquay, but the case would have to be demonstrated using the above policy criteria.

With best wishes

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From: BRANSBY JANE [mailto:Jane.Bransby@Culture.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 12 January 2006 13:24
To: Keith Woodhead
Subject: FW: Draft consultation docs for the Casino Advisory Panel
Importance: High

Dear Keith,

26/07/2006

I am contacting you on behalf of the Casino Advisory Panel as someone who may be interested in the work we are doing this year to recommend to Government the location of the 17 new Regional, Large and Small casinos allowed by last year's Gambling Act. I did write to all the Regional Assemblies in November asking for any preliminary thoughts you may have on these matters. If that letter did not reach you, you can read it on the 'What's New' section of our website <http://www.culture.gov.uk/CAP>. It also contains other information on our work and time-table.

Now that we've reached the end of our scoping work the Panel has been working on a more detailed proposal outline/criteria as well as a firm programme which we can publish at the end of this month as we call for firm proposals to be submitted. Before we do that, and as part of our ongoing consultation with Regional Planning Bodies etc., we are circulating these draft documents to certain interested parties. To that end, we would be grateful if you would spare the time to have a look at the draft call for proposals and revised project outline (below) and share with us any thoughts you may have. We are especially interested to hear if you have any concerns about the programme or the proposal outline specifically, or if you feel there may be useful evidence which we haven't specifically asked for so far but which may help to inform our later evaluation.

I know you all have busy schedules but in order to allow time for us to incorporate any comments (including a final legal check) and still keep to our publication deadline, I would be grateful if you could me have any comments or suggestions by the end of next week (Friday 20th January). Please feel free to pass on to other colleagues if you think they would be interested or better placed to comment but I would point out that these are still working draft documents and not yet for public consumption!

<<Draft Call_consultation version 11-01-06.doc>> <<Draft Revised Project Outline draft for consultation.doc>> <<Gantt Chart - programme timetable.xls>>

I look forward to hearing from you,

Jane

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