

# Dumfries & Galloway

Here is summary of representations received in relation to Dumfries & Galloway's casino bid.

## Support

- The 9 letters of support (from 7 different correspondents) for a casino in Dumfries and Galloway came from the constituency MP, Russell Brown, businesses such as Stena line, organisations involved in tourism and regeneration such as Visit Scotland and Scottish Enterprise Dumfries and Galloway<sup>1</sup>. They stressed the tourism benefits, and benefits in terms of economic regeneration that a casino could bring to the area.

## Opposition

- We received 7 letters objecting to Dumfries & Galloway's bid. The recurring theme was that many in the area already suffer from unemployment and debt and are therefore potentially vulnerable to problem gambling.<sup>2</sup>
- The fear that addiction, drug problems and associated crime would increase if a casino was located in Dumfries and Galloway's was also highlighted<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Russell Brown, MP for Dumfries and Galloway Constituency, 11 May, 14 June 06, Alan Gordon, Stena Line Ltd, No date, Delia Holland, Visit Scotland, 12 May 06, Colin Williamson, Scottish Enterprise Dumfries and Galloway, 12 May 06

<sup>2</sup> Mrs Ruth Burl, 12 August 2006

<sup>3</sup> Ian M Cameron, 20 July 06