

# Hastings

Here is summary of the 7 representations received in relation to Hastings' casino bid.

## Support

- We received 5 letters of support for Hastings' casino bid.
- Of these, one letter highlighted that the local economy would benefit greatly from the development, boosting the prosperity and image of Hastings.<sup>1</sup>
- Another representation stated that Hastings was in vital need of regeneration and that a casino would provide a catalyst for tourism.<sup>2</sup>
- 3 more letters showed general support for a casino, which they envisaged would generate jobs, regenerate and transform the Pier area and attract further investment.<sup>3</sup>

## Objections

- We received 2 letters opposing Hastings' bid.
- Of these, 1 letter included a petition against a casino in Hastings, signed by 109 residents of Hastings and St. Leonards, declaring that the opening of a casino in Hastings would have a negative and detrimental effect on the town and the community<sup>4</sup>
- Another representation deemed the casino proposal at odds with the local tourism image and did not feel that the consultation exercise was comprehensive and that there was limited publicity.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Linda Williams; Hastings & St Leonards Chamber of Commerce, 26 June 2006

<sup>2</sup> Harry Symonds Snr & Jnr, Anne Symonds and Mark Symonds; Coastal Amusements Ltd, 26 June 2006

<sup>3</sup> Harmesh Pooni; RavenClaw Investments Inc, 28 June 2006, 21 September 2006  
Chris Lee, 26 June 2006

<sup>4</sup> Ms Sue Warren, 12 July 2006

<sup>5</sup> Roger Etchells; Roger Etchells Chartered Surveyors & Company on behalf of State Developments (Hastings) Limited, 22 May 2006