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Dear Sirs,

Large casino competition

This letter is being sent simultaneously to all those who made application for provisional statements for the large casino as part of Southampton City Council's casino licensing competition, together with all those who made representations upon those applications.

The background to this letter is that an issue has arisen as to whether it would be lawful for any of the applicants to show plots WQ2, WQ3 or WQ4 to the north of Mayflower Park as the site of their proposed casino. The Council has expressed its provisional view on the legality of such a course in a letter to Mr. Pram Nayak of the Lucent Group dated 26th February 2015. One applicant has suggested an alternative solution that Stage 1 of the competition could be re-opened so that new applications could be lodged showing the proposed casino on one or more of those plots. All of the relevant correspondence will be available on the Council's web-site in the near future.

It is important to emphasise that the Council's views as set out in the above letter were expressly provisional, subject to contrary argument which any party may wish to raise before the licensing authority. That remains the case.

In the light of the matters raised, the following issues will be considered by the Licensing Committee at a meeting to be held on Thursday 9th April at a time to be confirmed next week.

- 1) In the case of each of the applicants, may they show their proposed casino on any or all of plots WQ2, WQ3 or WQ4 at stage 2 of the casino licence competition?
- 2) Does the Council have a discretion to accept new applications following the completion of Stage 1 and, as is the case here, the commencement of Stage 2 of the competition?
- 3) If so, should the Council exercise its discretion to accept such applications?

All applicants intending to attend the hearing must by 31st March 2015 file written submissions on each of the three issues outlined above. The applicants shall co-operate in order to file a composite authorities bundle by 2nd April 2015.

In the interests of transparency, applicants are requested to state in their submissions whether they hope or intend to show their casinos on any or all of plots WQ2, WQ3 or WQ4 at stage 2 of the competition.

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Parties who made relevant representations will be entitled to participate fully in the hearing. They are requested but are not obliged to state their views on the above three questions in writing by 31st March 2015.

Yours faithfully,



Locum Licensing Officer
for Head of Legal and Democratic Services

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