

**From:** Andrew Cotton  
**Sent:** 10 October 2014 15:46  
**To:** 'Grout, Martin'  
**Subject:** RE: Casino Licence Process Stage 2

Dear Martin

Thank you very much for your letter and the notes of the meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> September.

I can confirm that Kymeira Casino Limited endorse the proposal to defer the start of Stage Two of the casino competition. We see this being the only way that each second stage applicant can be given an equal opportunity to demonstrate how their application would result in the greatest benefit to the authority – as required in paragraph 5.4.2 of the Code of Practice.

The developer of the Royal Pier site has indicated that it is not possible at this stage to provide those who have secured Stage One grants on the site with the detail required to submit a Stage Two application as a result of the delay in the completion of the Development Agreement for the site. The development programme has slipped approximately six months from the projected timetable at the time the competition commenced in April. This is partly because the consultation process on the planning application has slipped as a result of the appointment of new planning consultants and designers. I understand that pre-application discussions are now under way.

A delay of six months, with a commencement date for the Stage Two process at the beginning of April, will hopefully ensure that the detail of the site and the lay-out and mix of uses has been “approved in principle”, which will then allow applicants to answer the questions in the Stage Two application form which seek an explanation as to the relationship between the casino and the remainder of the Royal Pier development. It is simply not possible to answer these questions with the information that is currently available.

When addressing the Committee at the Stage One hearings Counsel made it clear that the plans were at a very early stage and therefore all the applicants and those who made representations are aware of the lack of detail about remainder of the development. Indeed one of the objectors referred to the lack of public consultation in relation to planning for the site. A six month delay will enable this process to be concluded.

Counsel also referred to the relocation of the Red Funnel terminal, which is another matter that has to be approved before the work on the land reclamation to create the site can start. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any clarification on the matters I have raised. I look forward to receiving confirmation of the decision that is taken on the Stage Two timetable.

Regards,  
Andrew  
Andrew Cotton  
Solicitor  
**for Jeffrey Green Russell Limited**

Direct Tel: ++44 - (0)20 7339 7173  
Direct Fax: ++44 - (0)20 7307 0277  
[www.jgrweb.com](http://www.jgrweb.com)