

Comment from Southampton and Fareham Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Re: Southampton's Ice Rink and Conference Centre

Comment from Jimmy Chestnutt, SFCCI Director General regarding an ice rink and conference centre for Southampton:

"We are pleased that a study into the viability and feasibility of an ice rink in Southampton, as a permanent facility, is being considered. This will please the thousands who have been pressing for a new Southampton ice rink. It will hopefully bring more families and tourists into Southampton, which must be good news for many businesses in the City. However, the Southampton and Fareham Chamber of Commerce still believes that it is vitally important to Southampton and the business community in this area to have a Conference Centre that compliments the already excellent facilities in this region so that it can attract sizeable international conferences and exhibitions. We know from our experience and members that there is a demand for such venues and Southampton's proximity to Europe served by Southampton Airport could lead to increasing this region's profile by offering an alternative destination to internal and external event organisers from many different industries".

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