**Additional information regarding Barista on the Other Side premises licence application**

* The proprietors of Barista Café Ltd are Mr Driton Budakova and Mrs Adelina Budakova, a husband and wife partnership that have operated a successful business for over 20 years.
* Prior to moving to the current address at Unit 1, 116-118 Finchley Road they operated ‘Barista Coffee House’ a coffee shop at 219B Canfield Gardens, NW3 6LP. They operated here successfully and trouble free for the past 20 years.
* Barista on the Other Side has been in operation since April 2018, and to date they have invested over £200k in redeveloping the venue.
* The current opening hours are;

Monday to Friday 0630-1800

Saturday to Sunday 0830-1700

* Along with an array of coffees and other drinks they also serve pastries, cakes, breakfast, paninis etc. A copy of the food menu is available on request.
* Mr Budakova is the Director of Barista Café Ltd and will be the DPS of Barista on the Other Side. Mrs Budakova is the Assistant Director of the company and the General Manager of the venue. They currently have three other staff members; if the application is successful the current staff members will become assistant managers, and three new members of staff will be employed.

* Barista on the Other Side opened last year as a coffee shop, a step upwards from their previous venue. But, as numerous customers have enquired as to why they did not have an alcohol offering at the venue, they have decided to reach out to their customer base and the local community. These continued enquiries went some way to them reaching their current position.
* From the outset of deciding to apply for a premises licence they have been firm in the desire that the venue will maintain its essential coffee house look, feel and ambience. They firmly believe that at the very least, 70% of their trade will be in the current format.
* The alcohol offering will be minimal, a few selected beers, wines and ciders.
* The venue has seating for less than 60 people, and there is no current intention to ever increase on that, or remove the tables and chairs, doing so would be completely contradictory to the look and feel they wish to maintain.
* They have had conversation with the landlord of the block, who is happy for the application to proceed. They are aware of the residential premises above them, who incidentally are regular customers and well aware of this application. There are also offices above the venue which are in use during normal working hours, Monday to Friday.
* The level of music played at the venue is nothing more than background, standard for a coffee house.
* Barista Café Ltd have registered the use of CCTV at the venue with the Information Commissioners Office.
* CCTV at the venue has been repositioned as a result of this application. Previously the venue had cameras covering the majority of the inside of the venue. Two new cameras have been installed and some moved so that there is now complete coverage and overlap of the entire licensable area. A new camera has also been installed outside of the licensable area in the walkway to the toilets. This was installed to further enhance their crime prevention position.
* They have an up to date Health and Safety Policy and Fire Risk Assessment. Copies of both are available on request for anyone to view.