

## Pre-hearing Premises Licence – Café Blah

**In regards to our premises licence we have put together the following document outlining some of the key reasons we believe should allow us to serve alcohol on our premises.**

**We have currently held 2 temporary licences, which have proved to be a great success. (Sat 19<sup>th</sup> / Sun 20<sup>th</sup> which was our opening weekend) and we are currently running our second temporary licence at time of writing. (Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Sept). The community and local councillors are on board with our application.**

**Our establishment runs a ‘Think 25’ policy and this is displayed through signage in the café. We have also included signage to make sure that any customers are respectful of local residents and keep noise to a minimum although this is not the kind of culture we are aiming to bring to our establishment. Our licence plan has been strongly based around the 4 licencing objectives and we will aim to meet these to highest standards.**

**We will be adhering to the new government Covid-19 advice of 10pm closures and making sure guests exit through the front door in the evening (Approximately 21:30) on to the main highway.**

### NOISE CONTROL

As we are not directly adjoining to any residential habitable space much of the noise concerns are not relevant.

Our opening hours are within the licenced hours to play recorded music and we are closing at 10pm so aren't affected by the night-time permitted noise levels. We are not providing any live music and the equipment we have for sound are one small set of domestic speakers.

We have insulated the only small 2x2m section of our premises which falls under the first few steps of the long stairwell up to the one flat behind our premises. This single flat is a student property with only the entrance adjoining to ours so not habitable space for residents. Furthermore this flat is already currently based on the high street above many other commercial properties including a take away that is open until 5am.

We have had many conversations with the landlords of the flat and they are happy for us to be opening in hope of it improving the area. We have installed CCTV and they have also kindly allowed us access to their out door CCTV if the need arises. This is in addition to reassuring the local residents about what our premises will be and have installed notices and signs encouraging customers to leave the premises quietly and respect the neighbours.

Past 10pm our side entrance onto Davenport Avenue will be closed ensuring all

customers exit onto the main road rather than leaving our premises and heading down towards the residential section of Davenport road.

### **WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Waste provider Veolia (please see attached contract).

Currently collection is scheduled for every 2 weeks, this will be on constant review and can be adjusted at any point if the amount of waste produced requires this.

Our waste capacity consists of;

1 x 1100ltr mixed waste (this is recycled and includes pulpable recycling)

2x 240ltr glass recycling

This is a total capacity of 1580ltr

We have been in the process along with the adjoining business to clean up and improve the waste management in the area. We have been in contact with local councillor Gavin White and Martin Reilly to resolve the waste problem in the area caused by other businesses and residents.

Following consultation with Martin we have had permission to and installed a bin screen area to keep our waste. This was previously a problem area commonly used incorrectly for local residents and businesses to leave their bins resulting in blocking pedestrian access. It had also been fly tipping area that had tried to be solved by the installation of a council planter (which didn't solve the problem and meant bins spilled out across the street). With support from the local council this has been removed to provide us with adequate space for the waste area to be kept clean and tidy with easy access for collection.

We will mitigate the potential problem of fly tipping by maintaining and monitoring the cleanliness and order of the area including reporting any problems or persons affecting this. We will also keep our bins locked as to avoid them becoming a target for locals waste.

We feel we have already greatly improved the waste problem in the area already and support was given by the landlords of the flat behind our property (whose entrance is on the side of our building) as they have struggled with litter problems at their entrance so they are happy we have come in to monitor and take charge of the situation.

The disregard for any care or order by residents and business waste in the area is very much a priority concern for us and we are doing our utmost to improve the area long term.

## **COMMUNICATION**

We have reached out individually to everybody who has raised an objection to our licence. Local resident Kathy has now withdrawn her objection. We have also amended our licence hours to make sure that everybody in the community is satisfied with Café Blah, especially due to the fact that it is located in Withington Stress Area. The general consensus has been overwhelming and the majority of the community are really happy and excited to have a gallery / café / bar added to the area as they feel it brings something new to Withington.

## **COVID 19 - RISK ASSESSMENT**

Please find attached.