

**Public Protection (food & safety)**

**Food Premises Inspection Report**

Name of business:	The Waffle House
Address of food business:	The Waffle House 39 St Giles Street, NR2 1JN
Date of inspection:	26/02/2026
Risk rating reference:	26/00280/FOOD
Premises reference:	15480/0039/0/000
Type of premises:	Restaurant or cafe
Areas inspected:	Back of House, Main Kitchen, Basement
Records examined:	SFBB, Temperature Control Records, Cleaning Schedule, Training Certificates/records
Details of samples procured:	None
Summary of action taken:	Informal
General description of business:	Restaurant

**Relevant Legislation**

Food Safety Act 1990 (as amended)

Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 applied by The General Food Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 and No 853/2004 applied by Regulation 19 (1) of the Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013

Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and related regulations

Food Information Regulations 2014

**What you must do to comply with the law**

The report may include **Contraventions** - matters which do not comply with the law. You must address all of the contraventions identified; failure to do so could result in legal action being taken against you.

As a guide, contraventions relating to cleaning, temperature control and poor practice, should be dealt with straight away.

Contraventions relating to structural repairs, your food safety management system and staff training, should be completed within the next 2 months.

Health and safety contraventions should be dealt with within 3 months unless otherwise stated.

To assist you the report may also include **Observations** of current practice, useful **Information, Recommendations** of good practice and reminders of **Legal Requirements**.

My inspection was not intended to identify every contravention of the law and only covers those areas, practices and procedures examined at the time of the inspection. If the report fails to mention a particular matter this does not mean you have necessarily complied with the law.

## FOOD SAFETY

### How we calculate your Food Hygiene Rating:

The food safety section has been divided into the three areas which you are scored against for the hygiene rating: 1. food hygiene and safety procedures, 2. structural requirements and 3. confidence in management/control procedures. Each section begins with a summary of what was observed and the score you have been given. Details of how these scores combine to produce your overall food hygiene rating are shown in the table.

Compliance Area	You Score					
Food Hygiene and Safety	0	5	10	15	20	25
Structure and Cleaning	0	5	10	15	20	25
Confidence in management & control systems	0	5	10	15	20	30
<b>Your Total score</b>	<b>0 - 15</b>	20	25 - 30	35 - 40	45 - 50	> 50
<b>Your Worst score</b>	<b>5</b>	10	10	15	20	-
<b>Your Rating is</b>	<b>5</b>	4	3	2	1	0



Your Food Hygiene Rating is 5 - a very good standard

### 1. Food Hygiene and Safety

Food hygiene standards are high. You demonstrated a very good standard of compliance with legal requirements. You have safe food handling practices and procedures and all the necessary control measures to prevent cross-contamination are in place. Some minor contraventions require your attention. **(5)**

#### Contamination risks

**Contravention** The following exposed food to the general risk of cross-contamination with bacteria or allergens or its physical contamination with dirt, foreign objects or chemicals:

- food product containers had been stored directly on the floor inside the walk-in fridge
- unwashed vegetables in the walk-in fridge had been stored above the ready to eat foods

#### Handwashing

**Observation** I was pleased to see handwashing was well managed.

## Poor Practices

**Contravention** The following matters represented poor practice and if allowed to continue may cause food to become contaminated or lead to its deterioration:

- opened tinned products in the walk-in fridge had not been decanted into suitable containers

## **2. Structure and Cleaning**

The structure facilities and standard of cleaning and maintenance are all of a good standard and only minor repairs and/or improvements are required. Pest control and waste disposal provisions are adequate. The minor contraventions require your attention. **(5)**

### Maintenance

**Contravention** The following had not been suitably maintained and must be repaired or replaced:

- top of the internal plastic inside the microwave split

## **3. Confidence in Management**

A food safety management system is in place, and you comply fully with the law. Hazards to food are understood properly controlled managed and reviewed. Your records are appropriate and being maintained. All your staff are suitably supervised and trained. You have a very good track record. **(0)**

### Traceability

**Observation** Your records were such that food could easily be traced back to its supplier.

### Training

**Observation** I was pleased to see that food handlers had been trained to an appropriate level and evidence of their training was made available.

### Allergens

**Observation** You had clearly shown the presence of allergens in your food on your menu.