

Public Protection (food & safety)

Food Premises Inspection Report

Name of business:	The Fat Cat Brewery Tap / Motherchip
Address of food business:	98 - 100 Lawson Road, NR3 4LF
Date of inspection:	06/08/2026
Risk rating reference:	26/00568/FOOD
Premises reference:	05/02914/PREMTR
Type of premises:	Public House with catering
Areas inspected:	Servery, Main Kitchen, Back of House, Cellar
Records examined:	Temperature Control Records, Pest Control Report, Training Certificates/records, SFBB, Cleaning Schedule
Details of samples procured:	None
Summary of action taken:	Informal
General description of business:	Public house serving food

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
Your Total score	0 - 15	20	25 - 30	35 - 40	45 - 50	> 50
Your Worst score	5	10	10	15	20	-
Your Rating is	5	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:

- frozen food products were not adequately covered when not in use
- takeaway food containers were not adequately protected from contamination when not in use

Legal Requirement At all stages of production, processing and distribution, food must be protected from any contamination likely to render it unfit for human consumption, injurious to health or contaminated in such a way that it would be unreasonable to expect it to be consumed in that state.

Hand washing

Contravention The following indicated that hand washing was not suitably managed:

- no soap was available behind the bar
- no suitable means of hygienically drying hands was available at the bar

Personal Hygiene

Observation I was pleased to see that standards of personal hygiene were high.

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)**

Cleaning of Equipment and Food Contact Surfaces

Contravention The following items are dirty and must be cleaned:

- bottom of the kitchen hand soap dispenser unit
- inside the ice machine

Cleaning Chemicals / Materials / Equipment and Methods

Observation I was pleased to see that the premises was kept clean and that your cleaning materials, methods and equipment were able to minimise the spread of harmful bacteria between surfaces.

Maintenance

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

- the flooring in the bar and tap room was damaged and requires repair
- the freezer door seal was split and requires replacement

Pest Control

Contravention Pest proofing is inadequate particularly in the following areas::

- no fly screen was fitted to the dry store window

Recommendation Provide fly screens to openable windows and external doors in rooms in which food is prepared and handled

Observation You have a pest control contract in place and there is no evidence of pest activity on the premises.

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.

Observation You had devised a chart listing all the food you provide with the allergens present in each and had brought this to the attention of your staff and customers.