

Public Protection (food & safety)

Food Premises Inspection Report

Name of business:	The Forge Local Shop
Address of food business:	18 Philadelphia Lane,NR3 3JJ
Date of inspection:	10/08/2026
Risk rating reference:	26/00587/FOOD
Premises reference:	24/00181/FD_HS
Type of premises:	Convenience Store
Areas inspected:	Other
Records examined:	SFBB, Temperature Control Records, Cleaning Schedule
Details of samples procured:	None
Summary of action taken:	Informal
General description of business:	Local convenience store selling wrapped low and high risk chilled and frozen items

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 4 - a good standard



1. Food Hygiene and Safety

Food Hygiene standards are excellent. You demonstrated full 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. **(0)**

Contamination risks

Observation I was pleased to see you were able to demonstrate effective controls to prevent contamination.

Hand washing

Observation I was pleased to see hand washing was well managed.

Personal Hygiene

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

Temperature Control

Observation I was pleased to see you were able to limit bacterial growth and/or survival by applying appropriate temperature controls at points critical to food safety and that you were monitoring temperatures.

Poor Practices

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

- ensure only non food items, even if sealed, are stored in the WC lobby areas.

Guidance It is permitted to sell food after its BEST BEFORE date, but becomes an offence if it is not of the nature, substance or quality demanded by the consumer. You must check the food and make sure your customers are aware that it is past the BEST BEFORE date. I recommend a sign be displayed near the basket of foods that are for sale but passed their best before date.

2. Structure and Cleaning

The structure facilities and standard of cleaning and maintenance are of a generally satisfactory standard but there are some repairs and/or improvements which are required in order for you to comply with the law. Pest control and waste disposal provisions are adequate. The contraventions require your attention; although not critical to food safety they may become so if not addressed. **(10)**

Cleaning of Structure

Observation The premises had been generally well maintained and the standard of cleaning was high.

Maintenance

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

- some gaps at base of walls where skirting was missing and some uneven wall surfaces.

Facilities and Structural provision

Observation I was pleased to see the premises had been generally well maintained and that adequate facilities had been provided.

Pest Control

Contravention Pest proofing is inadequate particularly in the following areas:

- gaps were seen under and to the side of the external doors. Please let me know when this is rectified. It should be given priority.

3. Confidence in Management

There are generally satisfactory food safety controls in place although there is evidence of some non-compliance with the law. The contraventions require your attention; although not critical to food safety they may become so if not addressed. **(10)**

Type of Food Safety Management System Required

Observation You were monitoring (and recording) the temperatures of your fridges and freezers as well as the temperature of cooked/hot-held food and could demonstrate effective systems for controlling bacterial growth and survival.

Observation Your SFBB Retail pack was in place and working well. I was confident you had effective control over hazards to food. However parts of the pack had not been completed, as detailed below.

Food Hazard Identification and Control

Contravention Ensure all Safe Methods at the front of the pack are completed and followed. You are monitoring temperatures and completing a record, but written systems must be completed.

Proving Your Arrangements are Working Well

Contravention The SFBB Retail pack should also be used fully, as a complete system. The following parts of the pack must be used:

- daily dairy
- training records/supplier lists
- cleaning schedule
- 4-weekly checks

Traceability

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

Infection Control / Sickness / Exclusion Policy

Contravention There was insufficient control over the contamination of food from food handlers known or suspected to be suffering from a food-borne disease or gastrointestinal illness:

- staff that report these diseases must not work with food until they are 48 symptom free

Guidance UK Health Security Agency recommends that food handlers known or suspected to be suffering from a food-borne infection or gastrointestinal illness stay away from work until symptom-free for 48 hours.

Waste Food and other Refuse

Observation You had measures in place to dispose of waste food appropriately and were employing the services of an approved waste contractor.