

Public Protection (food & safety)

Food Premises Inspection Report

Name of business:	Bird & Blend Tea Co.
Address of food business:	9 Back Of The Inns Norwich, NR2 1PT
Date of inspection:	27/10/2025
Risk rating reference:	25/00809/FOOD
Premises reference:	21/00264/FD_HS
Type of premises:	Retail shop
Areas inspected:	All
Records examined:	FSMS
Details of samples procured:	None
Summary of action taken:	Informal
General description of business:	Small tea shop 7 seated predominantly sales of packeted tea and coffee

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

Observation I was pleased to see you were able to demonstrate effective controls to prevent contamination of food stored and served on the premises.

Handwashing

Contravention The following evidence indicated handwashing was not suitably managed:

- the wash-hand basin(s) used for other purposes (washing utensils)

Recommendation – The sink could be made available for hand washing at all appropriate times (eg while serving or preparing drinks or food) through the provision of a separate basin or bowl to keep used utensils and equipment in. The used equipment could then be transferred to the sink that was being used as a wash hand basin when food preparation or service is no longer being carried out in the servery.

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 Structure

Observation The kitchen had been well generally maintained and the standard of cleaning of structure was generally good.

Recommendation - The oiled wooden counter at the servery was beginning to deteriorate and thus in danger of becoming absorbent and thus allowing dirt and staining to soak into the wood. I would recommend that the surface be carefully examined and that you consider resealing with a suitable oil or some other treatment to ensure that the surface remains smooth non-absorbent and capable of being easily cleaned.

Maintenance

Observation You are maintaining the premises in good condition generally.

Facilities and Structural provision

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

Pest Control

Observation I was pleased to see that the premises was proofed against the entry of pests and that pest control procedures were in place.

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)**

Type of Food Safety Management System Required

Observation A Food Safety Management system is in place which is appropriate for the business

Traceability

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

Infection Control / Sickness / Exclusion Policy

Observation Policies were in place to prevent any infected food handler from contaminating food.

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.

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 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.