

Rat infested food business shut down by council



The kitchen

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A food business has been forced to close immediately after environmental health officers found rat droppings in the food preparation area.

Dial a Samosa in Leeds Road, Nelson, makes samosas for businesses to sell on to their customers. Pendle Borough Council carried out an unannounced inspection on Tuesday October 10th and found rat droppings, gnawed wood, dirt and debris. Officers also spotted holes which gave rodents access to the building.

Philip Mousdale, Corporate Director, said: “We’re committed to ensuring businesses operate safely in our borough and we’ll take tough action where they’re found to put the public at risk.

“It was clear that the building was rat infested so we had no option but to serve the owner with a Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Notice to close the business with immediate effect.”

Last Friday the council presented Burnley Magistrates’ Court with evidence of the findings, which included photographs.

The Council was granted a Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Order and costs totalling £1,300.

The Order means that Dial a Samosa can’t reopen until Pendle Council is satisfied the premises are clean, free from rats and there is no imminent risk to health.