

Feedback on issues highlighted at Peckham and Nunhead Community Council for 24 September 2012 meeting

Question	Responses
<p>Public Question 1</p> <p>Local resident Margaret Stewart: I am concerned about the offensive smells on Peckham Rye Lane, I believe the causes are from rotten fish and meat. It has been reported that rodents (rats) infest the area. I would like to know what Southwark Trading Standards are doing about the Hygiene, Health and safety standards, of all the shops on Rye Lane and surrounding areas.</p>	<p>Response Food Hygiene & Health and Safety Enforcement Team</p> <p>The Environmental Health and Trading Standards service has received 2 complaints about smells in Rye Lane over the past 12 months. A further 6 complaints have been received about pests (rats and mice) in the vicinity.</p> <p>The 2 smell complaints were followed up with the complainants and resolved informally. The pest complaints were also investigated, the offending businesses were identified and measures put in place to eradicate the vermin.</p> <p>50 Food Hygiene inspections and subsequent re-visits have been made to premises in Rye Lane over the past year. This resulted in 2 formal notices being served and 49 written warning. All with the exception of 1 notice served in July have been complied. Officers are currently chasing the compliance of the 1 remaining warning.</p> <p>Our illegal economy team have had to serve 4 immediate food seizure notices for illegally imported food found in Rye Lane.</p> <p>Our Health and safety team have carried out 98 health and safety inspections that resulted in 23 formal notices and 108 informal notices being served on shop owners. All have been complied with. One case resulted in legal proceedings being taken.</p> <p>Should you have concerns about Food Safety, Rodent infestations linked to food premises, rotten food smells or illegally imported food please contact the Food Team at food@southwark.gov.uk or telephone Southwark's Call Centre on 020 7525 2000</p> <p>From: Jonathon Toy, Food Hygiene & Health and Safety Enforcement Team</p>