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FIELD BIOLOGIST INSPECTION

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PEST GROUPS IDENTIFIED



Rodents

Brown rats *Rattus norvegicus* activity was seen externally around the chiller at the right-hand side of the loading bay. Rat footprints were also seen on the rubber bumper at the base of the chiller door.



Rat footprints were found on the rubber bumper at the base of the chiller door. No damage was seen to the base of the door.

A rat's burrow was seen in the embankment near the chiller unit. The burrow was covered to find if the burrow is still in use. Addition control measures will be installed at the left-hand side of the chiller.

Insects

Insect activity was observed at the time of inspection, insect detector 13 situated next to the disused Redpack Pacer packing machine. The larval species was identified as *Dermestidae spp.* Insect pheromone traps have been ordered and will be installed.



Birds

No bird activity was observed at the time of inspection; the gull nesting season has not begun yet. Raptor boxes could be installed around the site on posts to encourage biodiversity and function as a predatory threat to gulls, rabbits and rodents. Excel can provide a quotation for the raptor boxes and a laser/ bio acoustic system to discourage bird from nesting on the roof.

<https://www.theowlbox.co.uk/>



RECOMMENDATIONS

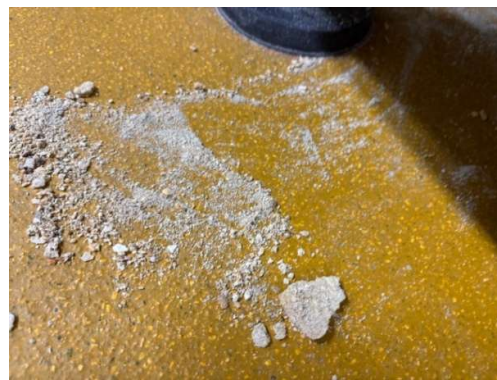
Priority Actions

High: Immediate action is required within 1 week.

Medium: Action required within 2-3 weeks.

Low: Action to be planned within 6 weeks.

Housekeeping:



Food debris was found within and under the disused Redpack Pacer packing machine, this will require cleaning to reduce the potential for stored product insect (SPI) infestation. **High**



Food residue was found gathering in the sides of the steps leading to the cooling area. Please clean and weld closed or fill with a cold weld epoxy filler. The cold weld epoxy filler will reduce disruption to production. **Medium**



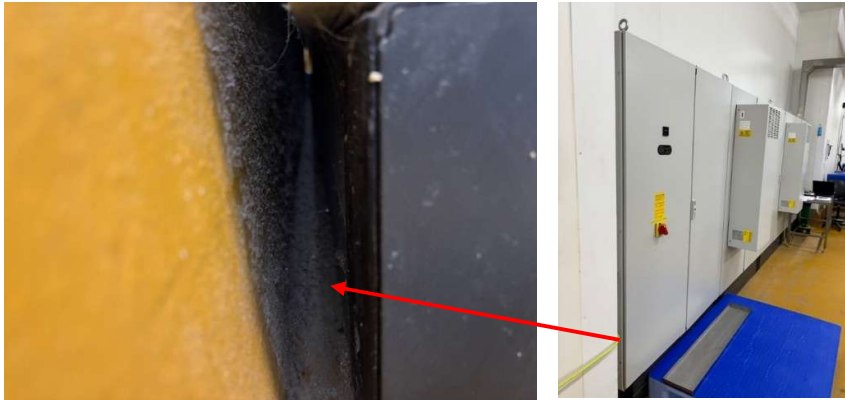
Food residues were found collecting at the footings of the control panel on the Mezzanine floor. A gap was also found under the checker plate floor wall interface proving potential areas where food can collect and insects can harbour. Please clean this area and block the gap between the floor and checker plate. **High**



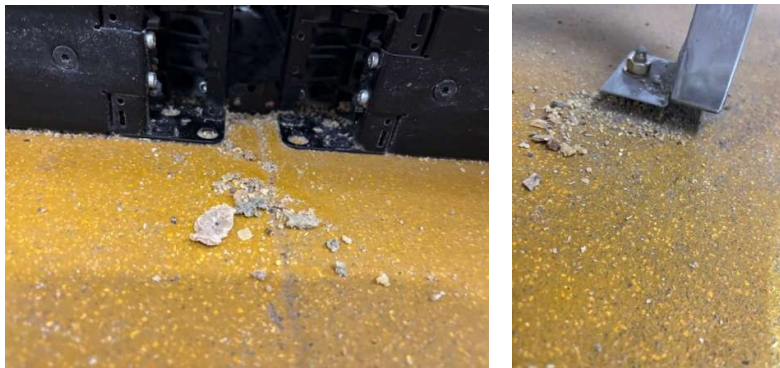
A large gap was found at the rear of the control panel on the cooling mezzanine floor. Please clean and block this area with a covered section to prevent the accumulation of debris denying harbourage for insects. **Medium**



Powder residue was found collecting on horizontal surfaces under the Buhler line 2. **High**



Powder residues were found collecting down the side of the control panel next to line 2. Please clean with a high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) vacuum cleaner to remove the residues. **High**



Food debris was found gathering at the Gluten free line control panel and at the footing of the steel ladder. Please clean and block the base of the control panel and footings of the ladder. **High**



Debris was found collecting at the footings of the Buhler line 2. Please clean to reduce potential for SPI activity. **High**



Food debris was found collecting around the motor housing under the large mixers on the mixing mezzanine floor. Please clean to help prevent insect proliferation. **Medium**

Proofing



Caps were found missing from the tubular metal guards on the drying belt located on the mezzanine floor. Please source end caps to blank the ends off denying pest harbourage and food residue collection. **Low**



The checker plate flooring on the mezzanine floor is poorly finished in some areas preventing thorough cleaning and facilitating the collection of food debris. Please remedy to deny potential insect harbourage and facilitate cleaning. **High**



An old piece of plastic conduit was found under the stairs leading to the upper mixing area adjacent to gluten free line 2. The conduit has been filled; however, this has become pushed in allowing scope for food material collection. Please cut flush and fill with an epoxy resin. **Medium**



A gap between the top stair leading to the mixing area and the floor void, the area requires cleaning and sealing to prevent powder residue being drawn in via negative air pressure. The dead space and residues may aid in the proliferation of SPI. **High**



Damage has occurred to the checker plate and the concrete flooring in the mixing area. Please repair to prevent the accumulation of food materials and allow cleaning. **High**



Blanking caps were found missing on the mixers situated on the mixing mezzanine floor. Please replace to prevent water and debris accumulation. **Medium**



The silicon sealant at the coving wall interface has become loose, water and food residue may become trapped in this area. The defect was found on the mixing mezzanine floor. **Medium**



Staff are placing their footwear on the cable tray of the Redpack Pacer packing machine GF1-9075. Please clean this area and instruct staff to change this practice. **High**



The gap around the cables from the weighing hopper requires sealing to prevent the accumulation of dried cereal product as this may facilitate the proliferation of insects. Please seal with a better product such as filoseal+HD. <https://www.filoform.com/product/filoseal-hd-duct-seal/> **High**



Gaps are present under the flashing at the left-hand elevation of the building; this defect may allow rodent ingress into the wall cavities. The defect should be proofed with rodent proof material such as Xcluder rodent mesh and cement. Excel can provide a cost for this work. **High**

Stacking

Good standards of storage were observed at the time of inspection. All areas were free to inspect.

External influences

The premises to the right of the factor has uneven ground, wind blown rubbish and a wooden structure that may encourage rodent activity. On the grounds of the factory that land scaping is well maintained.

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