



Appendix B

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council
Public Health & Protection

Sampling Programme 2025/26

Sampling and subsequent examination performs an essential function providing intelligence and evidence of food safety within the borough. The sampling programme looks to address both national and local consumer issues.

Sample Type	Key Points/Aims	Officer	Date
HPA Co-ordinated Sampling			
Study 83: RTE Dried Fruit, Nut & Seeds.	<p>Study to run from April 2025 until the end of March 2026</p> <p> </p> <p>Study 83 Dried fruit nuts and seeds protofruit Nuts and Seeds ; Study 83 RTE Dried fruit Nuts and Seeds ;</p>	All	Quarter 1, April -June
Study 84: Root Vegetables – to run between June 2025 and March 2026.	<p>Study to run between June 2025 and March 2026.</p> <p>No plans as yet</p>	All	Quarter 2 June - August
Reactive Study (Study 85)	Yet to be decided, which will be in response to ongoing Public Health issues.	All	TBC
Local Authority Sampling			
Ready to eat burgers	A study to assess the microbiological quality of ready to eat burgers from mobile food vehicles.	All	June 2025-March 2026
Approved premises	Microbiological quality of the foods stored and prepared in our approved premises.	All	June 2025-March 2026
Ad-hoc	Sampling of food and environmental swabs to help support food hygiene inspections and any food incidents/complaints that arise during the year	All	April 2025-March 2026

