



NOTICE OF TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PRODUCTION AREA:  
**WHITLEY LAKE, POOLE HARBOUR**

Regulation (EC) 854/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council lays down specific rules for the organisation of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption

Pursuant to the power conferred on it by Article 6 of, and paragraph C of Chapter II of Annex II to the above EU Regulation, being satisfied that the results of sampling show that the health standards for molluscs are exceeded and there might be a risk to human health

As the Competent Authority for the purposes of the above EC provision by virtue of regulation 4 of the Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013 S.I. 2013 No 2996

BCP Council has temporarily closed the production area identified in the Schedule to this notice for the production and harvesting of: **COCKLES, CLAMS & RAZOR CLAMS**

by Food Business Operators until further notice.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Caroline Fair'.

Signed: Caroline Fair  
Team Manager on behalf of BCP Council

Dated this 9th day of August 2019

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**SCHEDULE**

Area in which the production of COCKLES, CLAMS & RAZOR CLAMS by food business operators is prohibited by reason of this order: WHITLEY LAKE  
**(NO OTHER AREA WITHIN POOLE HARBOUR IS AFFECTED BY THIS CLOSURE)**

Food business operators must not collect the affected animals from this area by any method; it is unsuitable for their production for health reasons and has been temporarily closed.

Collection of affected animals from the area that is temporarily closed amounts to the commission of a criminal offence under regulation 19 of the Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013 S.I. 2013 No 2996. On conviction, a fine or imprisonment for a term of up to two years or both might be imposed.

**PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED NOT TO GATHER:  
COCKLES, CLAMS & RAZOR CLAMS FOR THEIR OWN CONSUMPTION FROM THE AFFECTED  
PRODUCTION AREA. THERE MIGHT BE A RISK TO HUMAN HEALTH IN DOING SO.**

Recent analysis of a classification sample taken by BCP Council from the affected area has shown that the shellfish are affected by E.coli

BCP Council will continue to take samples for analysis and keep its decision to close the area under review. To check the current status of the area you may contact BCP Council on 01202 261700 and ask for the Food Team.