

## Rat makes a run for it in front of shocked diners in Shish restaurant, Bedford

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DINERS were left shocked and disgusted after their evening meal was interrupted by a rat.

Last Saturday night, the rodent was spotted racing through Shish restaurant in Castle Lane appalling customers.

Jo Ashpole, who witnessed the incident while eating in the Bedford restaurant, told BoS: "It was our first time eating there and we were having a nice time with our drinks and starters, but as our main came out we spotted the rat racing across the floor at the back of the room."

The rat then disappeared from sight while worried customers scanned the room and returned to their tables, but almost half an hour later it was back and customers were back out of their chairs complaining to management.



Jo said: "It was absolutely disgusting, we were all screaming and shouting as it raced up curtains and darted around the room, eventually running out on to the street."

But what shocked diners the most was the reaction from the owner, who they claim seemed nonplussed by the incident.

Jo added: "We called for the manger to come down as we were not happy after what we saw, and when he did he just said that this wasn't the first time, that the area was having an issue with rats and that environmental health were aware of it."

But a spokeswoman for environmental health at Bedford Borough Council denied this was the case.

She said in response to the alleged claims of the owner: "Bedford Borough Council's environmental health team had not been made aware of this issue; the team have since visited the premises to carry out a full inspection and are working with the owners in this case."

BoS contacted the owners of Shish for a comment but they failed to respond.