

Public Protection (food & safety)

Food Premises Inspection Report

Name of business:	Larkman Fish Bar
Address of food business:	2A Larkman Lane Norwich NR5 8TX
Date of inspection:	08/11/2025
Risk rating reference:	25/00830/FOOD
Premises reference:	16/00224/FD_HS
Type of premises:	Food take away premises
Areas inspected:	Servery, Prep Room
Records examined:	SFBB
Details of samples procured:	None
Summary of action taken:	Informal
General description of business:	Fish and chips takeaway

Relevant Legislation

Food Safety Act 1990 (as amended)
 Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 applied by The General Food Regulations 2004 (as amended)
 Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 and No 853/2004 applied by Regulation 19 (1) of the Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013
 Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and related regulations
 Food Information Regulations 2014

What you must do to comply with the law

The report may include **Contraventions** - matters which do not comply with the law. You must address all of the contraventions identified; failure to do so could result in legal action being taken against you.

As a guide, contraventions relating to cleaning, temperature control and poor practice, should be dealt with straight away.

Contraventions relating to structural repairs, your food safety management system and staff training, should be completed within the next 2 months.

Health and safety contraventions should be dealt with within 3 months unless otherwise stated.

To assist you the report may also include **Observations** of current practice, useful **Information, Recommendations** of good practice and reminders of **Legal Requirements**.

My inspection was not intended to identify every contravention of the law and only covers those areas, practices and procedures examined at the time of the inspection. If the report fails to mention a particular matter this does not mean you have necessarily complied with the law.

FOOD SAFETY

How we calculate your Food Hygiene Rating:

The food safety section has been divided into the three areas which you are scored against for the hygiene rating: 1. food hygiene and safety procedures, 2. structural requirements and 3. confidence in management/control procedures. Each section begins with a summary of what was observed and the score you have been given. Details of how these scores combine to produce your overall food hygiene rating are shown in the table.

Compliance Area	You Score					
Food Hygiene and Safety	0	5	10	15	20	25
Structure and Cleaning	0	5	10	15	20	25
Confidence in management & control systems	0	5	10	15	20	30
Your Total score	0 - 15	20	25 - 30	35 - 40	45 - 50	> 50
Your Worst score	5	10	10	15	20	-
Your Rating is	5	4	3	2	1	0

Your Food Hygiene Rating is 3 - a generally satisfactory standard



1. Food Hygiene and Safety

Food hygiene standards are high. You demonstrated a very good standard of compliance with legal requirements. You have safe food handling practices and procedures and all the necessary control measures to prevent cross-contamination are in place. Some minor contraventions require your attention. **(5)**

Contamination risks

Contravention Food was not protected from general sources of contamination:

- scoops stored in dried ingredients
- uncovered food i.e saveloys stored in fridge

Legal requirement At all stages of production, processing and distribution, food must be protected from any contamination likely to render it unfit for human consumption, injurious to health or contaminated in such a way that it would be unreasonable to expect it to be consumed in that state.

Hand washing

Observation I was pleased to see hand washing was well managed.

Personal Hygiene

Observation I was pleased to see that standards of personal hygiene were high.

Temperature Control

Contravention The following evidence indicated there was a risk of bacteria growing on food:

- high risk food i.e raw sausages were not being defrosted in the fridge

Legal requirement Raw materials, ingredients, intermediate products and finished products likely to support the reproduction of pathogenic micro-organisms or the formation of toxins must not be kept at temperatures that might result in a risk to health.

Information An amount of frozen raw meat was being defrosted at room temperature in a manner that caused concern. You must have a method for defrosting meat so that food safety is maintained. This method must be covered by your food safety management review. Safe methods can include defrosting in a designated fridge.

2. Structure and Cleaning

The structure facilities and standard of cleaning and maintenance are of a generally satisfactory standard but there are some repairs and/or improvements which are required in order for you to comply with the law. Pest control and waste disposal provisions are adequate. The contraventions require your attention; although not critical to food safety they may become so if not addressed. **(10)**

Cleaning of Structure

Contravention The following items were dirty and require more frequent and thorough cleaning:

- floor/wall junctions
- flooring underneath equipment
- flooring underneath the frying range
- pipe work
- air vent
- light switch
- area around sink
- skirting boards

Contravention The following structural items could not be effectively cleaned and must be covered or made non-absorbent:

- untreated mdf to edge to shelving

Cleaning of Equipment and Food Contact Surfaces

Contravention The following items are dirty and must be cleaned:

- underneath towel dispenser

- blade to can opener
- interior to microwave
- shelving to fridge
- handle to fridge
- interior fan to fridge
- lid to saucepan
- bin
- legs to equipment
- electric fly killer
- wall clock
- around interior top to chest freezer
- build-up of ice to chest freezer
- grill to side to chest freezer
- seals to chest freezers
- handle to chest freezer
- remove protective film to fridge to aid easy cleaning

Cleaning Chemicals / Materials / Equipment and Methods

Observation I was pleased to see that the premises was kept clean and that your cleaning materials, methods and equipment were able to minimise the spread of harmful bacteria between surfaces.

Information Cardboard cannot be properly cleaned. Do not use it to cover the floor/ shelves of work surfaces in food rooms

Maintenance

Contravention The following had not been suitably maintained and must be repaired or replaced:

- damage to area surrounding sink
- damage to wall behind chest freezer
- flaking paint to skirting boards
- cracked floor tiles

Facilities and Structural provision

Observation I was pleased to see the premises had been well maintained and that adequate facilities had been provided.

Pest Control

Observation You have a pest control contract in place and there is no evidence of pest activity on the premises.

3. Confidence in Management

There are generally satisfactory food safety controls in place although there is evidence of some non-compliance with the law. The contraventions require your attention; although not critical to food safety they may become so if not addressed. **(10)**

Type of Food Safety Management System Required

Observation You had colour-coded equipment and effective separation between raw and ready-to-eat food at all stages in your operation.

Observation Your SFBB/food safety management system was in place and working well. I was confident you had effective control over hazards to food.

Observation I was pleased to see that you had a Safer Food Better Business pack. However this had been filled in by the previous food business owner and did not reflect your procedures. You need to purchase your own pack (you can do this online) to show your procedures and processes.

Safer Food Better Business/Food Safety Management System that works

Contravention You are not working to the following safe methods in your SFBB pack:

- cleaning schedule as more attention is needed to cleaning

Food Hazard Identification and Control

Contravention You have not identified these food hazards or the methods of control at critical points in your operation:

- bacteria growing on food

Traceability

Observation Your records were such that food could easily be traced back to its supplier.

Infection Control / Sickness / Exclusion Policy

Guidance UK Health Security Agency recommends that food handlers known or suspected to be suffering from a food-borne infection or gastrointestinal illness stay away from work until symptom-free for 48 hours.

Training

Observation I was pleased to see that food handlers had been trained to an appropriate level and evidence of their training was made available.

Allergens

Observation You had identified the presence of allergens in your non-prepacked food and had brought this to the attention of your customers.