

Public Protection (food & safety)

Food Premises Inspection Report

Name of business:	Babas
Address of food business:	478 Sprowston Road Norwic,NR3 4DY
Date of inspection:	12/08/2025
Risk rating reference:	25/00685/FOOD
Premises reference:	15190/0478/0/000
Type of premises:	Food take away premises
Areas inspected:	Main Kitchen, Servery
Records examined:	SFBB
Details of samples procured:	None
Summary of action taken:	Informal
General description of business:	Fast food 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 Hygiene Rating Re-Scoring Visit

Date: 25 September 2025

Following the previous inspection a re-rating visit was requested. The revised score is indicated here. The results of the original inspection are listed below.

Your revised Food Hygiene Rating is 5 – a very good standard



Observation I was pleased to see that you had addressed most of the contraventions from your recent food re-rating hygiene inspection. However, the following contraventions need to be addressed:

Contravention the following items require attention:

- scoop stored in flour
- cracked tiles to floor. You informed me that the floor was going to be replaced after Christmas

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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
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Your Food Hygiene Rating is 3 - a generally satisfactory standard



1. Food Hygiene and Safety

Food hygiene standards are generally satisfactory and maintained. There is evidence of some non-compliance with legal requirements. Some lapses are evident however generally you have satisfactory food handling practices and procedures and adequate control measures to prevent cross-contamination are in place. The contraventions require your attention; although not critical to food safety they may become so if not addressed.
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Contamination risks

Contravention The following exposed ready-to-eat food and or its packaging to the risk of cross-contamination with food-borne bacteria from raw meat or unwashed fruits and vegetables:

- cutting boards badly scored and need replacing
- food stored on floor in walk-in fridge
- scoops stored in dried ingredients

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.

Guidance lift food off the floor in the walk-in fridge to ensure cooling air can freely circulate

Contravention You could not demonstrate effective heat disinfection of the food equipment and utensils you use for handling both raw and ready-to-eat foods:

- you do not have a dishwasher and you are not using an adequate heat disinfection step after washing up equipment and utensils

Contravention You had not protected articles and/or equipment used for ready-to-eat (RTE) food) from the contamination risk posed by raw food or its packing:

- protective clothing is not changed after preparing raw meat
- no colour coded equipment for raw and RTE food
- shared containers (containers used for both raw and RTE food) are not adequately disinfected – through the application of sufficient heat or sanitising chemicals – to ensure harmful bacteria are killed
- same tongs used for raw and ready-to-eat foods on the griddle

Guidance When preparing raw meat ensure food handlers wear disposable protective clothing or single use aprons which can be cleaned and disinfected or can be washed at a high temperature between uses

Information The FSA has issued guidance on controlling *E.coli* 0157 through:

- the complete separation of raw and ready-to-eat food
- the correct use of wash-hand basins and thorough hand washing
- having dedicated equipment (including complex equipment) for raw and ready-to-eat foods

- thorough 2-stage cleaning and the correct use of sanitisers
- and by controlling the risks posed by soil contaminated vegetables.

Visit: www.food.gov.uk for more information

Guidance If equipment and utensils (for example chopping boards, containers and tongs) are to be used for raw and RTE foods, they should be disinfected by heat or an adequate dishwasher cycle (able to reach 82°C for 15 seconds) between uses.

Guidance If adequate heat disinfection (such as a dishwasher or plunge sink) is not possible, separate equipment and utensils should be used for handling raw and RTE foods. Such equipment should be easily identifiable (colour coded) and must be stored and washed separately.

Hand washing

Contravention The following indicated that hand washing was not suitably managed:

- the hand wash basin was obstructed

Legal requirement Washbasins must be available, suitably located and designated for cleaning hands. Wash-hand basins must be provided with hot and cold (or mixed) running water. Soap and hand drying facilities must be located nearby.

Information Hand washing is required:

- * before handling ready-to-eat food
- * after touching raw food and its packaging, including unwashed fruit and vegetables
- * after a break/smoking
- * after going to the toilet
- * after cleaning
- * after removing waste
- * after blowing your nose

Information Proper hand washing is essential in preventing the spread of *E. coli* 0157 and other harmful bacteria onto food and food contact surfaces. Proper hand washing must include the following steps:

- * wet hands before applying soap
- * good hand rubbing technique
- * rinsing of hands
- * hygienic drying

Temperature Control

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

- prepared foods i.e salads were being stored above 8°C

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.

Legal Requirement If you rely on selling cold food (displayed over 8°C) within four hours you must be able to demonstrate your system for ensuring food is either sold, placed under refrigeration, or discarded, before the four hours have elapsed.

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:

- flooring behind and under equipment
- flooring around equipment feet
- floor/wall junctions
- in-grained dirt to floor
- walls
- walls behind equipment

Legal requirement personal belongings must not be stored in a food room. A locker or a lidded plastic container would be a suitable means of storing these items

Recommendation Housekeeping could be greatly improved. Remove redundant items and equipment from food rooms, tidy away miscellaneous objects into drawers and boxes and keep work surfaces and the floor clear for ease of cleaning and disinfection.

Cleaning of Equipment and Food Contact Surfaces

Contravention The following items are dirty and must be cleaned:

- can opener
- interior to microwave
- food storage containers
- fridge and freezer seals
- towel dispenser
- electric fly killer
- interior door to walk-in fridge
- chair
- legs to equipment
- wheels to equipment

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 interior to microwave
- damage to 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

Recommendation provide fly screens to openable windows and external doors in rooms in which food is prepared and handled

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

Food Hazard Identification and Control

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

- cross-contamination
- bacteria growing on food

Proving Your Arrangements are Working Well

Contravention The Management sections in your Safer food Better Business (SFBB) pack are intended to demonstrate you are in day-to-day control of the hazards to food. The following Management sections were either missing, incomplete or not up-to-date:

- dairy had lapsed since 6/8

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

- cleaning schedule

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.

Observation Policies were in place to prevent any infected food handler from contaminating food.

Waste Food and other Refuse

Observation You had measures in place to dispose of waste food appropriately and were employing the services of an approved waste contractor.

Training

Recommendation A Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering or its equivalent (a 6-hour course leading to the award of a recognised certificate in food hygiene) would be appropriate for your food handlers. Booking details for the equivalent CIEH course are on our website: www.norwich.gov.uk

Recommendation Catering staff should refresh their food hygiene knowledge every 3 years so that they stay up to date with current legislation and good practice. Booking details for this course are on our website: www.norwich.gov.uk

Allergens

Contravention You are failing to manage allergens properly:

- no allergen information on your pre packed for direct sale (PPDS) i.e pre-packed coleslaw

Legal requirement The allergen labelling requirements for pre-packed for direct sale (PPDS) food have changed. Any business that produces PPDS food is required to label the food and the ingredients list with the 14 allergens required to be declared by law emphasised within it

Recommendation for information or advice about pre-packed food for direct sale (PPDS) contact Norfolk Trading Standards on 0344 800 8020 or email: trading.standards@norfolk.gov.uk

Information Pre-packed for direct sale (PPDS) food, is food that is packaged at the same place it is offered or sold to consumers, and is in this packaging before it is ordered or selected by your customers. The new PPDS allergen labelling will help protect consumers by providing potentially life-saving allergen information on the packaging

Information Pre-packed for direct sale (PPDS) food can include the following:

- sandwiches and bakery products which are packed on site before a consumer selects or orders them

- fast food packed before it is ordered, where the food cannot be altered without opening the packaging
- products which are prepackaged on site ready for sale, such as pizzas, rotisserie chicken, salad and pasta pots
- burgers and sausages prepackaged by a butcher on the premises ready for sale to consumers
- food provided in schools, care homes or hospitals and other similar sittings will also require labelling
- pots served with takeaways such as garlic mayonnaise (egg, mustard), houmous (sesame), coleslaw (egg, mustard) mint yoghurt (milk), soy sauce (soy)