



Public Protection (food & safety)

Food Premises Inspection Report

Name of business:	Quasar Elite
Address of food business:	17 - 19 St Stephens Road Norwich NR1 3SP
Date of inspection:	22/02/2022
Risk rating reference:	22/00138/FOOD
Premises reference:	15820/0017/0/000
Type of premises:	Restaurant or cafe
Areas inspected:	Servery, Main Kitchen
Records examined:	SFBB
Details of samples procured:	None
Summary of action taken:	Informal
General description of business:	Laser gaming with small cafe and bar serving predominantly party food

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 2 - improvement is necessary



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. **(Score 5)**

Contamination risks

Observation I was pleased to see you were able to demonstrate effective controls to prevent cross-contamination.

Hand-washing

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

- there was no hot water to the wash hand basin
- the wash hand basin is not being used as the hot tap cannot be turned at all. You were using a bowl filled up from sink, and had been doing so for some period of time without remedying the problem.

Legal Requirement Wash hand basins must be provided with hot and cold running water and suitable drainage; soap and a hygienic way to dry hands.

Information Proper hand-washing is essential to prevent cross-contamination of E.coli 0157 and other harmful bacteria onto food and food contact surfaces. Hand-washing should include the following steps:

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

Personal Hygiene

Contravention The following are examples of poor personal hygiene or where it was made difficult for food handlers to maintain sufficiently high standards of personal cleanliness::

- staff were not using the wash-hand basin regularly
- staff were not wearing any/suitable protective clothing when preparing food

Legal Requirement You must ensure that any member of staff that you know or suspect has (or is a carrier of) a food-borne disease or infection (including vomiting, diarrhoea, skin infection, sores and open wounds) is excluded from working in any food handling area until they have been symptom free for 48 hours or until medical clearance has been obtained.

Legal Requirement All persons in food handling areas must wear suitable, clean, and where appropriate protective clothing.

Temperature Control

Guidance It is essential to know that your probe thermometer is working properly. If the reading is outside these ranges you should replace your probe or return it to the manufacturer to be calibrated. A simple way to check a digital probe is to put it in iced water and boiling water:

- The readings in iced water should be between -1°C and 1°C .
- The readings in boiling water should be between 99°C and 101°C .

Guidance You cannot rely on taking chilled food temperatures by reading the temperature display. You need an independent method that is clearly related to the actual food temperature.

Recommendation In addition to the visual checks you undertake, use a probe thermometer to check the core temperature of cooked and reheated foods. The temperature should reach 75°C for 30 seconds or an equivalent time/temperature combination (e.g. 80°C for 10 seconds).

Observation Your SFBB pack indicates you probe to check cook temperatures, although the food involves no raw meat. You do not have a probe.

Unfit food

Information High risk items bear a use by date. You must not sell, use or intend to sell such items and should ensure you have checks in place to remove these from use.

Recommendation You should have a system to identify when open or prepared foods need to be used by or discarded, to ensure the food is fit for consumption. I recommend you apply labels which give a date that is 2 days after the day of production e.g. if food is opened on Monday it should be used by the end of Wednesday (an exception is rice which should not be kept longer than 24 hours)

Poor Practices

Guidance It is permitted to sell food after its BEST BEFORE date, but becomes an offence if it is not of the nature, substance or quality demanded by the consumer. You must check the food and make sure your customers are aware that it is past the BEST BEFORE date.

2. Structure and Cleaning

The structure facilities and standard of cleaning and maintenance are less than satisfactory and you are failing to comply with the law in many respects. Contraventions require your immediate attention as some are critical to food safety. We may revisit your business and if standards have not improved take formal enforcement action. **(Score 15)**

Cleaning of Structure

Observation The kitchen had been well maintained and the standard of cleaning was good.

Cleaning Chemicals / Materials / Equipment and Methods

Information You must ensure that the sanitiser that you use is effective against bacteria. Ensure that any sanitiser used meets the following standards BS EN 1276:1997 and 13697:2001.

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.

Maintenance

Observation You are maintaining the premises in good condition.

Facilities and Structural provision

Observation it is recommended that a dishwasher be provided.

Contravention The lack of adequate wash hand basin facilities near to the Kitchen-

has led to the poor score in this area.

Pest Control

Observation I was pleased to see that the premises was proofed against the entry of pests and that pest control procedures were in place.

Observation It is recommended that an Electric Fly Killer be provided.

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. **(Score 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.

Observation You were date labelling perishable foods appropriately and could demonstrate effective control over food spoilage organisms.

#Food Hazard Identification and Control

Contravention The following pre-requisites have not been met and this means that your food safety management system will be ineffective::

- staff hygiene is inadequate
- services and facilities are inadequate
- staff training is inadequate

Proving Your Arrangements are Working Well

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

- Ensure the same labelling system for stock rotation is used by all staff. And that this is specified within SFBB.
- As SFBB says you use a probe to monitor temperatures, you should do so.
- Review SFBB to ensure it is an accurate reflection of the way you operate now.

Traceability

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

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

Contravention The following evidence indicates there is a staff training need as food handlers:

- only a couple of staff who handle food are adequately/formally trained. I have been advised more are due to be trained.

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

Infection Control / Sickness / Exclusion Policy

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

Allergens

Information Advise your customers how to get allergen information. You can display a sign along the lines of ASK OUR STAFF ABOUT ALLERGENS

Recommendation Check if your business sells pre-packed for direct sale (PPDS) food by using the Food Standards Agency's allergen and ingredients food labelling tool. Visit www.food.gov.uk/allergen-ingredients-food-labelling-decision-tool

Observation You had devised a chart listing all the food you provide with the allergens present in each and had brought this to the attention of your staff and customers.

You appeared aware regarding the preparation of different allergen foods separately.