



## Award for Excellence in Food Hygiene

### **What is the Award of Excellence**

The scheme is a Hart District Council initiative to recognise those food businesses that achieve excellent standards of hygiene based upon their last full food safety inspection. Only those food businesses that achieve the top score in one of three national scoring criteria used during food hygiene inspections are included within this scheme.

Currently the scheme is limited to food businesses that have a genuine catering element to their food activities and supply food directly to the final consumer. For further details on inclusion/exclusion criteria please click on the link to Award's procedure below.

### **Aim of the Award**

Hart District Council is committed to promoting the highest standards of hygiene within commercial food businesses throughout the District to improve food safety and promote prosperity. The Council also believes that those food businesses that not only achieve legal compliance but also follow good hygiene practices in some aspect of their business should be recognised.

### **Businesses that currently hold the Award of Excellence**

Congratulations to the following food businesses that currently hold the award for excellence. Please note that this list is currently updated on monthly basis. There may therefore be a delay in adding or removing food businesses from this list.

### **Award of Excellence – Procedure**

Please click on this link for the Council's procedure on the Award of Excellence. This provides details for officers on a variety of matters including inclusion/exclusion and complaints relating to the award scheme.

## Commonly Asked Questions

### **What is the Difference between this Award and the national Food Hygiene Rating Scheme?**

This scheme is to be run separately to and should not be confused with the joint Food Standards Agency and local authority national food hygiene rating scheme. You will continue to receive your rating under this scheme.

### **I run a catering Business but am not included in the scheme**

The award scheme is currently limited to certain catering premises. Large national chains and other food businesses that have in excess of 10 separate outlets are currently excluded from the scheme.

For further details please refer to Hart District Councils procedure on the Award of Excellence for food Hygiene that can be accessed at the link below:

### **Where can I find out more information?**

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact Hart District Council.

### **How do I complain about the Award?**

Please address any complaints to Nick Steevens (Head of Regulatory Services) in writing to:

[eh@hart.gov.uk](mailto:eh@hart.gov.uk)

Or letter

Nick Steevens  
Regulatory Services  
Hart District Council  
Harlington Way  
Fleet  
Hampshire  
GU51 4AE

For any complaint please provide the following details:

- 1) Your contact details
- 2) The specific nature of your complaint