

Find Your Best Local Fish and Chip Shop

Postcode comparison worksheet and printable scorecard

How to use this pack

Start with three realistic shops near the postcode you are searching. Check facts first, then make one small, comparable test order. Use the same priorities for each shop so the result reflects your needs rather than the loudest review.

1. Define the search

Postcode / neighbourhood

Search date

- ☐ Collection, delivery or either?
- ☐ Maximum journey or delivery time: _____
- ☐ Meal to compare (for example: regular cod, chips and peas): _____
- ☐ Dietary or allergy requirements: _____
- ☐ Budget ceiling for the complete order: £ _____

2. Build a realistic shortlist

SHOP A			
Shop name		Postcode	
Address / area		Distance / journey	
Website / phone		Opening checked	

SHOP B			
Shop name		Postcode	
Address / area		Distance / journey	
Website / phone		Opening checked	

SHOP C			
Shop name		Postcode	
Address / area		Distance / journey	
Website / phone		Opening checked	

Shortlisting rule: keep only shops you could realistically use. A famous or highly rated shop is not a useful local option if the journey, opening hours, delivery area or ordering method does not fit.

Fact Check and Full-Order Comparison

Complete this before placing the first order.

Check	Shop A	Shop B	Shop C
Official hygiene result			
Inspection / visit date			
Current menu checked?	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Current opening checked?	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Recent review pattern - strengths			
Recent review pattern - repeated problems			
Ownership / menu change noticed?			

Compare the complete order

Item / charge	Shop A	Shop B	Shop C
Fish type and size			
Fish price	£	£	£
Chips size and price	£	£	£
Sauce / sides	£	£	£
Packaging charge	£	£	£
Delivery charge	£	£	£
Minimum-order effect	£	£	£
TOTAL ORDER	£	£	£
Collection / delivery time			

Allergy and suitability check

- ☐ I told the shop the exact allergy or dietary requirement.
- ☐ Staff answered clearly about batter, sauces, shared oil, utensils and preparation surfaces.
- ☐ The shop can manage cross-contact to the standard required.
- ☐ PASS / STOP decision recorded for each shop - suitability is not offset by a high taste score.

Shop A: ☐ PASS ☐ STOP	Shop B: ☐ PASS ☐ STOP	Shop C: ☐ PASS ☐ STOP
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Test Order Scorecard

Use a small standard order and compare like with like. Complete one column per shop or print this page again for a second visit.

Shop name

Order date and time

Ordered for collection / delivery

Promised time / actual time

Criterion	Notes	Score
Order accuracy	Correct fish, sides, sauces and allergy-labelled items	/ 5
Food temperature	Hot enough on opening; timing judged fairly	/ 5
Fish	Cooked through; moist; appropriate portion	/ 5
Batter	Crisp, cooked through and not saturated with oil	/ 5
Chips	Good batch overall; crisp edges and fluffy centres	/ 5
Service and timing	Clear communication; reasonable wait; reliable collection	/ 5
Convenience	Journey, parking, delivery fit and ordering method	/ 5
Total value	Quality, portion, accuracy, wait and complete cost	/ 5
Sustainability signal	Current certification or clear sourcing information, if important	/ 5

ALLERGY / DIETARY SUITABILITY	☐ PASS ☐ STOP	TOTAL SCORE	/ 45
Would I order again?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe	Regular-shop contender?	☐ Yes ☐ No

Decision notes

Best thing about this shop:

Main drawback:

What I would order differently next time:

Final verdict after two comparable orders: