

THE USE CLASSES ORDER

Including Changes between Use Classes

USE CLASS	TYPE OF USE	PERMITTED CHANGE TO:
A1: Shops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. for the retail sale of goods other than hot food; b. as a post office; c. for the sale of tickets or as a travel agency, d. for the sale of sandwiches or other cold food for consumption OFF the premises, e. for hairdressing, f. for the direction of funerals, g. for the display of goods for sale, h. for the hiring out of domestic or personal goods or articles, i. for the washing or cleaning of clothes or fabrics on the premises, j. for the reception of goods to be washed, cleaned or repaired, where the sale, display or services is to visiting members of the public, k. Internet Cafes <p>Class A1 EXCLUDES amusement arcades, amusement centres and funfairs. Paragraphs (i) and (j) do not permit launderettes, but do include dry cleaners. Motor fuel, motor vehicles and car hire are also excluded.</p>	<p>Mixed use with a single flat (ie over the shop)</p> <p>And vice versa</p> <p><i>Temporary permitted change (2 years) for up to 150 sq.m to A2,A3,B1 (interchangeable subject to notification)</i></p>
A2: Financial & Professional Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. financial services, or b. professional services (other than health or medical services), or c. any other services (including use as a betting office) which is appropriate to provide in a shopping area <p>- where the services are provided principally to visiting members of the public.</p>	<p>Permitted change to Class A1 where there is a display window at ground floor level and to a mixed use for any purpose within Class A2 & up to 2 flats</p> <p><i>Temporary permitted change (2 years) for up to 150 sq.m to A2,A3,B1 (interchangeable subject to notification)</i></p>
A3: Restaurants & Cafés	<p>This new class is designed specifically for restaurants and cafés, i.e. places where the primary purpose is the sale and consumption of food and light refreshments on the premises.</p> <p>A restaurant whose trade is primarily in-house dining but which has ancillary bar use will be in Class A3. Where the pub or bar activity is a minor component of the business and will not affect environmental amenity, it will be treated as ancillary to the primary (restaurant) use of the premises. Such matters will be decided on the basis of fact and degree in each case.</p> <p>Premises in the A3 class have a permitted change of use to both the A1: Shops and A2: Financial/Professional services use class but not to any other use class.</p>	<p>Permitted change to Class A1 where there is a display window at ground floor level and Class A2</p> <p><i>Temporary permitted change (2 years) for up to 150 sq.m to A1, A2, B1 (interchangeable subject to notification)</i></p>
A4: Drinking Establishments	<p>A4 caters specifically for pubs and bars, i.e. places where the primary purpose is the sale and consumption of alcoholic drink ON the premises.</p>	<p>Permitted change to A1, A2 or A3</p> <p><i>Temporary permitted change (2 years) for up to 150 sq.m to A2,A3,B1 (interchangeable subject to notification)</i></p>

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A5: Hot Food Takeaway	<p>A5 caters specifically for takeaways and fast-food premises, i.e. premises where the existing primary purpose is the sale of hot food to take away.</p> <p>Takeaways are differentiated from restaurants because they raise different environmental issues, such as litter, longer opening hours, and extra traffic and pedestrian activity, from those generally raised by A3: Restaurant and Café uses. With A3 uses, any takeaway food sold on an ancillary basis is usually taken home for consumption.</p>	<p>Permitted change to A1,A2 or A3</p> <p><i>Temporary permitted change (2 years) for up to 150 sq.m to A2,A3,B1 (interchangeable subject to notification)</i></p>
B1: Business	<p>a. as an office other than a use within class A2 (financial & professional services),</p> <p>b. for research and development of products or processes, or</p> <p>c. for any industrial process</p> <p>Being a use which can be carried out in any residential area without detriment to the amenity of that area by reason of noise, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, soot, ash, dust, or grit.</p>	<p>Permitted B1 change to Class B8 subject to total floorspace being no greater than 500 sq.m.</p> <p>B1(a)office permitted change to C3 subject to: prior approval process; previous use timings; limitations and exempt areas (until 30.05.16)</p> <p><i>Temporary permitted change (2 years) for up to 150 sq.m to A1,A2,A3 (interchangeable subject to notification)</i></p> <p><i>Permitted change from B1 to state-funded school (and back to previous lawful use)</i></p>
B2: General Industrial	<p>Use for the carrying on of an industrial process other than one falling within class B1 above.</p>	<p>Permitted change to Class B1 and Class B8.</p> <p>Permitted change to B8 is subject to total floorspace being no greater than 500sq.m</p>
B8: Storage & Distribution	<p>Use for storage or as a distribution centre.</p>	<p>Permitted change to Class B1 subject to total floorspace being no greater than 500sq.m</p>

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C1: Hotels	Use as a hotel or as a boarding or guesthouse where, in each case, no significant element of care is provided.	Permitted change to state-funded school (and back to previous lawful use)
C2: Residential Institutions	<p>Use for the provision of residential accommodation and care to people in need of care (other than those within class C3 (dwelling houses)).</p> <p>Use as a hospital or nursing home.</p> <p>Use as a residential school, college or training centre.</p> <p>['Care' is defined as: 'Personal care of people in need of such care by reason of age, disablement, past or present dependence on alcohol or drugs or past or present mental disorder, and in class C2 also includes the personal care of children and medical care and treatment'.]</p>	Permitted change to state-funded school (and back to previous lawful use)
C2A: Secure Residential Accommodation	Use for a provision of secure residential accommodation, including use as a prison, young offenders institution, detention centre, secure training centre, custody centre, short term holding centre, secure hospital, secure local authority accommodation or use as a military barracks.	Permitted change to state-funded school (and back to previous lawful use)
C3: Dwelling Houses	<p>Use as a dwellinghouse (whether or not as a sole or main residence),</p> <p>a. by a single person or by people living together as a family, or</p> <p>b. by not more than six residents living together as a single household (including a household where care is provided for residents).</p>	C4
C4: Houses in Multiple Occupation	Small shared dwelling houses occupied by between three and six unrelated individuals, as their only or main residence, who share basic amenities such as a kitchen or bathroom	C3
D1: Non-Residential Institutions	<p>Any use not including a residential use:</p> <p>a. for the provision of any medical or health services except the use of premises attached to the residence of the consultant or practitioner,</p> <p>b. as a crèche, day nursery or day centre,</p> <p>c. for the provision of education,</p> <p>d. for the display of works of art (otherwise than for sale or hire)</p> <p>e. as a museum,</p> <p>f. as a public library or public reading room,</p> <p>g. as a public hall or exhibition hall,</p> <p>h. for, or in connection with, public worship or religious instruction.</p>	Temporary permitted change (2 years) for up to 150 sq.m to A1, A2, A3, B1 (interchangeable subject to notification)

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D2: Assembly & Leisure	Use as: a. a cinema, b. a concert hall, c. a bingo hall or casino, d. a dance hall, a swimming bath, skating rink, gymnasium or area for other indoor or outdoor sports or recreations, not involving motorised vehicles or firearms.	Permitted change to state-funded school (and back to previous lawful/use) Temporary permitted change (2 years) to A1,A2,A3,B1 (interchangeable subject to notification)

Sui Generis Uses	A Sui Generis use is a use that does not fall into any of the defined use classes (set out above) and is therefore considered to be a use on its own. Such uses include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theatres • Scrap yards • Petrol filling stations and shops selling and/or displaying motor vehicles • Retail warehouse clubs • Nightclubs • Launderettes • Taxi businesses • Amusement centres • Casinos (<i>see note below</i>) 	No Changes Permitted
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Note: Casinos can change to D2 but premises may not change to a casino without permission

D2

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