

Use Classes Order 2005

It is recommended that you confirm the position of each case with the Council's Planning Department



TCPA Use Classes Order 2005 (Effective 21 April 2005)	Use/Description of development	Permitted Change to another use class
A1 Shops	Retail sale of goods to the public – Shops, Post Offices, Travel Agencies and Ticket Agencies, Hairdressers, Funeral Director and Undertakers, Domestic Hire Shops, Dry Cleaners, Sandwich Bars – Sandwiches or other cold food purchased and consumed off the premises, Internet Cafes.	No permitted change
A2 Financial and Professional Services	Financial Services – Banks, Building Societies and Bureau de Change. Professional Services (other than Health and Medical Services) – Estate Agents and Employment Agencies. Other Services – Betting Shops. Principally where services are provided to visiting members of the public.	A1 (where there is a ground floor display window)
A3 Restaurants and Cafes	Restaurants and Cafes – Use for the sale of food for consumption on the premises. Excludes Internet Cafes (now A1)	A1 or A2
A4 Drinking Establishments	Use as a Public House, Wine Bar or other Drinking Establishment	A1, A2 or A3
A5 Hot Food Takeaway	Use for the sale of hot food for consumption off the premises	A1, A2 or A3
B1 Business	(a) Offices other than in a use within Class A2 (Financial and Professional Services) (b) Research and Development – Laboratories, Studios (c) Light Industry	B8 (where no more than 235m ²)
B2 General Industry	General Industry (Other than Classified as in B1) The former 'Special Industrial' Use Classes, B3 – B7, are all now encompassed in the B2 Use Class	B1 or B8 (B8 limited to 235m ²)
B8 Storage or Distribution	Storage or Distribution Centres – Wholesale Warehouses, Distribution Centres and Repositories	B1 (where no more than 235m ²)
C1 Hotels	Hotels, Boarding Houses and Guest Houses. Development falls within this class if 'no significant element of care is provided'	No permitted change
C2 Residential Institutions	Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Residential Education and Training Centres. Use for the provision of residential accommodation and care to people in need of care.	No permitted change
C3 Dwelling Houses	Dwellings for individuals, families or not more than six people living together as a single household. Not more than six people living together includes - students or young people sharing a dwelling and small group homes for disabled or handicapped people living together in the community.	No permitted change
D1 Non-Residential Institutions	Medical and Health Services – Clinics and Health Centres, Crèche, Day Nursery, Day Centres and Consulting Rooms (not attached to the Consultants or Doctors house), Museums, Public Libraries, Art Galleries, Exhibition Halls, Non-residential Education and Training Centres, Places of Worship, Religious Instruction and Church Halls.	No permitted change
D2 Assembly and Leisure	Cinemas, Dance and Concert Halls, Sports Halls, Swimming Baths, Skating Rinks, Gymnasiums, Bingo Halls and Casinos. Other Indoor and Outdoor Sports and Leisure Uses, not involving motorised vehicle or firearms.	No permitted change
Not in any use class (Sui Generis)	For example: Retail Warehouse Clubs, Amusement Arcades, Launderettes, Petrol Filling Stations, Taxi Businesses, Car/Vehicle Hire Businesses and the Selling and Displaying of Motor Vehicles, Nightclubs, Theatres, Hostels, Builders Yards, Garden Centres.	No permitted change