

USE CLASSES ORDER

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TCPA Use Class	Use/Description	Permitted Change	TCPA Use Class	Use/Description	Permitted Change	TCPA Use Class	Use/Description	Permitted Change
A1 Shops	Shops, Retail Warehouses, Hairdressers, Travel and Ticket Agencies, Post Offices, Pet Shops, Sandwich Bars, Internet Cafes, Showrooms, Domestic Hire Shops, Dry Cleaners and Funeral Directors	No permitted change	C1 Hotels	Hotels, boarding and guest houses where no significant element of care is provided	No permitted change	D1 Non Residential Institutions	Clinics, health centres, crèches, day nurseries, day centres, schools, art galleries, museums, libraries, places of worship, public halls, exhibition halls, church halls, law courts and non residential education and training centres	No permitted change
A2 Financial and Professional Services	Banks, Building Societies, Estate and Employment Agencies, Professional and Financial Services and Betting Offices	Permitted change to A1 (where there is a ground floor display window)	C2 Residential Institutions	Residential care homes, hospitals, nursing homes, boarding schools, residential colleges and training centres	No permitted change	D2 Assembly and Leisure	Cinemas, music and concert halls, bingo and dance halls (but not night clubs), swimming baths, skating rinks, gymnasiums or sports arenas (except for motor sports or where firearms are used)	No permitted change
A3 Restaurants and Cafes	Establishments where the primary purpose is for the sale of food and drink for consumption on the premises – restaurants, snack bars and cafes	Permitted change to A1 or A2	C2A Secure Residential Institutions	Secure residential accommodation – prisons, young offenders institutions, detention centres, secure training centres, custody centres, short term holding centres, secure hospitals, secure local authority accommodation and military barracks	No permitted change	Sui Generis	There are many uses that are not specifically categorised by the four main use classes. These uses are classified sui generis and include, theatres, nightclubs, retail warehouse clubs, amusement arcades, laundrettes, casinos, petrol filling stations and motor car show rooms	No permitted change (except Casinos: permitted change from Sui Generis to D2)
A4 Drinking Establishments	Public Houses, Wines Bars or other Drinking Establishments (but not night clubs)	Permitted change to A1, A2 and A3	C3 Dwelling Houses	A) Houses occupied by a single person, couple, or family (also including an employer and domestic employees, as well as a carer and the person receiving care; B) House occupied by up to six people living together as a single household and receiving care (supported housing scheme) C) Houses occupied by up to six people living together as a single household which do not fall within the definition of C4 (e.g. a small religious community or a person/family with a lodger)	Permitted change to C4			
A5 Hot Food Takeaways	Establishments where the primary purpose is for the sale of hot food for consumption off the premises	Permitted change to A1, A2 and A3	C4 Houses in Multiple Occupation	Houses occupied by between three and six unrelated individuals as their only or main residence, where basic amenities such as a kitchen or bathroom are shared (e.g. student lets)	Permitted change to C3			
B1 Business	A) Offices – other than those in A2; B) Research and Development; C) Light Industry – use for any industrial process which can be carried out within a residential area without causing detriment to the amenity of that area	Permitted change to B8 (where no more than 235 sqm)						
B2 General Industrial	Use for any industrial process, other than that falling within B1	Permitted change to B1: Permitted Change to B8 (where no more than 235 sqm)						
B8 Storage and Distribution	Storage or Distribution, including open air storage	Permitted change to B1 (where no more than 235 sqm)						

This is intended as a general guide to the Use Classes Order only. Reference must ultimately be made to the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 and the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995, both as amended.