

Guide to Use Classes Order and Permitted Changes of Use

Class	Use	Description	Permitted Use Change	Notes	Change from 1987 Use Classes Order
A1	Shops	Use for all or any of the following purposes: 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) 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 service is to visiting members of the public, k) as an internet café where the primary purpose is to enable the public to access the internet.	No Permitted	(i) and (j) permit dry cleaners, but do not permit laundrettes change	Addition of (k) internet cafes
A2	Financial and Professional Services	Use for the provision of: a) financial services, or b) professional services, other than health or medical services, or c) any other services, including use as a betting officer, which it is appropriate to provide in a shopping area, where the services are provided to principally visiting members of the public.	Permitted change to A1		No change
A3	Restaurants and Cafes	Use for the sale of food or drink for consumption on the premises.	Permitted change to A1 or A2		Class restricted to restaurants & cafes only
A4	Drinking Establishments	Public house wine bar other drinking establishments.	Permitted change to A1, A2 or A3		New class added to the order

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A5	Hot Food Takeaways	The sale of hot food for consumption off the premises.	Permitted change to A1, A2 or A3		New class added to the order
Sui Generis		Use for the provision of: a) Nightclubs, b) Motor car showrooms, c) Retail warehouse clubs, d) Taxi or vehicle hire businesses, e) Laundrettes, f) Amusement centres, g) Petrol stations, h) Hostels theatres, i) Live work.	No permitted change	Warehouse clubs are defined as those offering products at wholesale prices to members.	PD rights for nightclubs, motor car showrooms and retail warehouse clubs have been removed.
B1		Use for all or any of the following purposes: a) as an office other than a use within class A2 - Financial and Professional Services, b) for research and development of products or processes, or c) for any industrial process, 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, smells, fumes, smoke, soot ash, dust or grit.	Permitted to change B1 or B8 where less than 35m ² floor space		No change
B2	General	Use for the carrying on of an industrial process other than one falling within class B1 above.	Permitted change to B1		No change
B8	Storage and Distribution	Use for storage or as a distribution centre.	No permitted change		No change

Questions

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