

USE CLASSES ORDER 2005

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TCPA use classes order 2005 (Effective 21st April 2005)		Use / Description of development	Permitted change
A1	Shops	Retail sale of goods to the public - Shops, Post Offices, Travel Agencies & Ticket Agencies, Hairdressers, Funeral Directors & 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 & Professional Services	Financial Services - Banks, Building Societies and Bureau de Change, Professional Services (other than Health or Medical Services) - Estate Agencies & 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 & 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 Takeway	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 & Professional Services) (b) Research and Development - Laboratories, Studios (c) Light Industry	B8 (where no more than 235m ²)
B2	General Industrial	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 Centre - Wholesale Warehouses. Distribution Centres & Repositories	B1
C1	Hotels	Hotels. Boarding Houses & Guest Houses. Development falls within the classes 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	Dwellinghouses	Dwellings for individuals, families of not more than six people living together as a single household. No 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 & Health Services - Clinics & Health Centres, Crèche, Day Nursery, Day Centres & 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 Institution and Church Halls	No Permitted Change
D2	Assembly & Leisure	Cinemas, Dance and Concert Halls, Swimming Baths, Skating Rinks, Gymnasiums, Bingo Halls & Casinos, Other Indoor and Outdoor Sports and Leisure Uses, not involving motorised vehicles or firearms.	No Permitted Change
Sui Generis (see footnote)		For example: Retail Warehouse Clubs, Amusement Arcades, Launderettes, Petrol Filling Stations, Taxi Businesses, Car / Vehicle Hire Businesses & the Selling and Displaying of Motor Vehicles, Nightclubs, Theatres, Hostels, Builders Yards, Garden Centres	No Permitted Change (see footnote)

Footnote:- Whilst the most commonly found uses are contained within the 1987 Use Classes Order, there are many uses that are not specifically categorised by the four main use classes. These uses are classified as sui generis. We have tried to illustrate some of the sui generis uses in the above table, but they are not intended to be exhaustive. Sui generis uses are their own specific use and planning permission is normally required for any change of use