

GUIDE TO USE CLASSES ORDER

And Permitted Changes of Use

Use Classes (Amendment) Order 2005	Description	General Permitted (Amendment) Order 2005
A1 Shops	Shops, retail warehouses, hairdressers, undertakers, travel and ticket agencies, post offices, dry cleaners, internet cafes etc. Pet shops, sandwich bars, showrooms, domestic hire shops, funeral directors	No permitted change
A2 Financial Professional Services	Banks, building societies, estate and employment agencies, professional and financial services, betting offices	Permitted change to A1
A3 Restaurants and Cafes	Restaurants, snack bars, cafes	Permitted change to A1 or A2
A4 Drinking Establishments	Pubs and bars	Permitted change to A1, A2 or A3
A5 Hot Food Take-Aways	Take-Aways	Permitted change to A1, A2 or A3
Sui Generis	Shops selling and/or displaying motor vehicles, retail warehouse clubs, laundrettes, taxi or vehicle hire businesses, amusements centre, petrol filling stations	No permitted change
B1 Business	Offices (not within A2), research and development, studios, laboratories, high tech, light industry	Permitted change to B8 warehouse and where no more than 235 m ²
B2 General Industrial	General Industry	Permitted change to B1 or B8 warehouse and where no more than 235 m ²
B8 Storage or Distribution	Wholesale warehouse, distribution centres, repositories	Permitted change to B1 or B8 warehouse and where no more than 235 m ²
Sui Generis	Any work registrable under the Alkali, etc. Works Regulation Act 1996	No permitted change
C1 Hotels	Hotels, boarding and guest houses	No permitted change
C2 Residential Institutions	Residential schools and colleges, hospitals and convalescent/nursing homes	No permitted change
C3 Dwelling Houses	Dwellings, small businesses at home, communal housing of elderly and handicapped	No permitted change
Sui Generis	Hostel	No permitted change
D1 Non-residential Institutions	Places of Worship, church halls, clinics, health centres, crèches, day nurseries, consulting rooms, museums, public halls, libraries, art galleries, exhibition halls, non-residential education and training centres	No permitted change
D2 Assembly & Leisure	Cinemas, music and concert halls, dance, sports halls, swimming baths, skating rinks, gymnasiums, other indoor and outdoor sports and leisure uses, bingo halls, casinos	No permitted change
Sui Generis	Theatres, nightclubs	No permitted change

NOTES:

- The above is intended as a general guide only and is not intended to be used as a basis for any action. Please refer to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended the Use Classes (Amendment) Order 2005, and General Permitted Development (Amendment) Order 2005 and/or seek advice from the Local Planning Authority before taking any action.
- Sui Generis uses fall outside any specific use class of the Use Classes Order and no changes are permitted without a new planning permission.