





GUIDE TO USE CLASSES ORDER CHANGES IN ENGLAND

FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2020

USE CLASS (UP TO 31 AUGUST 2020)	USE CLASS (FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2020)	DESCRIPTION
 A1 Shops	F2 Local community uses	Shops not more than 280 sqm mostly selling essential goods, including food and at least 1 km from another similar shop.
	E Commercial, business and service uses	All other shops.
 A2 Financial & Professional Services	E Commercial, business and service uses	Financial Services, Professional Services, Estate Agents, Employment Agencies.
 A3 Restaurants & Cafés	E Commercial, business and service uses	Restaurants and Cafes (excluding Internet Cafes).
 A4 Drinking Establishments	Sui generis	Public House, Wine Bar or other Drinking Establishments.
 A5 Hot Food & Take-away	Sui generis	Takeaways.
 B1 Business	E Commercial, business and service uses	i. Offices, other than a use within Class A2 (Financial Services) ii. Research and development of products or processes iii. Light industry
 B2 General Industrial	Unchanged	Use for the carrying out of an industrial process other than one falling in class B1.
 B8 Storage & Distribution	Unchanged	Storage or distribution centre.
 C1 Hotels	Unchanged	Hotel, Boarding House or Guesthouse.
 C2 Residential Institutions	Unchanged	Hospital, Nursing Home or Residential School, College or Training Centre.
 C2A Secure Residential Institution	Unchanged	Secure residential accommodation.
 C3 Dwelling Houses	Unchanged	Dwelling house.

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 C4 Houses in multiple occupation	Unchanged	Use as a dwelling house by not more than six residents as a "house in multiple occupation".
 D1 Non-Residential Institution	E Commercial, business and service uses	Medical or health services, principally to visiting members of the public, except the use of premises attached to the residence of the consultant or practitioner. Creche, day nursery or day centre.
	F1 Learning & Non-residential institutions	Museums, Public Libraries, Art Galleries & Exhibition Halls, Law Court, Schools, Non-Residential Education & Training Centres. Places of Worship, Religious Instruction & Church Halls.
 D2 Assembly & Leisure	Sui generis	Venue for live music performance, a cinema, a concert hall, a bingo hall, or a dance hall.
	E Commercial, business and service uses	Gymnasium or area for indoor sport, recreation or fitness, not involving motor vehicles or firearms, principally to visiting members of the public.
	F2 Local community uses	Hall or meeting place for the principal use of the local community. Indoor or outdoor swimming baths, skating rinks, and outdoor sports or recreations not involving motorised vehicles or firearms.
 Sui generis A use on its own	Sui generis	Now includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public houses, wine bars or drinking establishments (formerly Class A4) • Drinking establishments with expanded food provision (formerly Class A4 or A5) • Hot food takeaways (formerly Class A5) • Live music venue (formerly Class D2) • Cinemas (formerly Class D2(a)) • Concert hall (formerly Class D2(b)) • Bingo halls (formerly Class D2(c)) • Dance Halls (formerly Class D2(d)) • Betting offices/shops, pay day loans

E **F1** **F2** **Sui generis**

This table is intended as general guidance only. Our advice is that the Use Classes Order preceding 1 September 2020 will continue to be relevant for permitted development rights throughout the 'material period' to 31 July 2021.

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