

Use Classes Order

(as of 6th April 2006)

TCPA Use Classes Order 2006	Use / Description of Development	Permitted Change	TCPA Use Classes Order 2006	Use / Description of Development	Permitted Change	TCPA Use Classes Order 2006	Use / Description of Development	Permitted Change
A1: Shops	The retail sale of goods to the public: shops, post offices, travel agencies & ticket agencies, hairdressers, funeral directors & undertakers, domestic hire shops, dry cleaners, internet cafes, sandwich bars (where sandwiches or other cold foods are to be consumed off the premises).	No permitted change.	B1: Business	a) Offices, other than a use within class A2 (financial services) b) Research and development of products or processes c) Light industry	B8 (where no more than 235 sq. metres).	D1: Non-Residential Institutions	Clinics & health centres, creches, day nurseries & day-centres (not attached to the consultant's or doctor's house), museums, public libraries, art galleries & exhibition halls, non-residential education & training centres, places of worship, religious instruction & church halls.	No change permitted.
			B2: General Industrial	General industry: use for the carrying out of an industrial process other than one falling into class B1.	B1 or B8 (B8 limited to 235 sq. metres).			
A2: Financial & Professional Services	Financial services: banks, building societies & bureau de change. Professional services (other than health or medical services): estate agents & employment agencies. Other services that it is appropriate to provide in a shopping area: betting shops (where the services are provided principally to visiting members of the public).	A1 (where there is a ground floor display window).	B8: Storage & Distribution	Use for storage or distribution centre.	B1 (where no more than 235 sq. metres).	D2: Assembly & Leisure	Cinema, concert hall, bingo hall, dance hall, swimming bath, skating rink, gymnasium or area for indoor or outdoor sport or recreation (not involving motor vehicles or firearms).	No change permitted.
			C1: Hotels	Use as a hotel, boarding house or guest-house, where no significant element of care is provided.	No change permitted.			
A3: Restaurants & Cafes	Restaurants & cafes (i.e. places where the primary purpose is the sale and consumption of food and light refreshment on the premises). This excludes internet cafes, which are now in class A1.	A1 or A2	C2: Residential Institutions	Hospital, nursing home or residential school, college or training centre where there is provision of residential accommodation and care to people in need of care (other than those within class C3).	No change permitted.	Sui - Generis*	A use on its own, or which any change of use will require planning permission. Includes theatres, nightclubs, retail warehouse clubs, amusement arcades, launderettes, petrol filling stations and motor car showrooms.	No change permitted.
A4: Drinking Establishments	Public house, wine bar or other drinking establishments (i.e. premises where the primary purpose is the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises).	A1, A2 or A3	C3: Dwelling Houses	Use as a dwelling house (whether or not as a sole or main residence). a) By a single person or people living together as a family, or b) by not more than six residents living together as a single household (including a household where care is provided for residents).	No change permitted.			
A5: Hot Food Take-away	Premises where the primary purpose is the sale of hot food to be consumed off the premises.	A1, A2 or A3						