

NEW USE CLASSES (from 1st September 2020)

Use Classes A, B1 and D are to be removed and replaced with the classes as set out below.



	Use Class up till 31 August 2020	Use	Use Class from 1 September 2020
	A1 Shops	Shops up to 280 sq. m. selling mostly essential goods including food, at least 1km from another similar shop	F.2
	A1 Shops	Shops, retail warehouses, hairdressers, undertakers, travel and ticket agencies, post offices, pet shops, sandwich bars, showrooms, domestic hire shops, dry cleaners, funeral directors and internet cafes.	E
	A2 Professional & Financial Services	Financial services such as banks and building societies, professional services (other than health and medical services) and including estate and employment agencies. It does not include betting offices or pay day loan shops - these are now classed as "sui generis" uses.	E
	A3 Restaurants & Cafes	For the sale of food and drink for consumption on the premises - restaurants, snack bars and cafes.	E
	A4 Drinking Establishments	Public houses, wine bars or other drinking establishments (but not night clubs) including drinking establishments with expanded food provision.	Sui generis
	A5 Hot Food Takeaways	For the sale of hot food for consumption off the premises.	Sui generis

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	B1 Business	This class is formed of 3 parts: • B1(a) Office other than a use within Class A2 • B1(b) Research and development of products or processes • B1(c) For any industrial process (which can be carried out in any residential area without causing detriment to the amenity of the area)	E
	B2 General Industrial	Use for industrial process other than one falling within class B1 (excluding incineration purposes, chemical treatment or landfill or hazardous waste).	B2
	B8 Storage or Distribution	This class includes open air storage.	B8

	C1 Hotels	Hotels, boarding and guest houses where no significant element of care is provided (excludes hostels).	C1
	C2 Residential Institutions	Residential care homes, hospitals, nursing homes, boarding schools, residential colleges and training centres.	C2
	C2a	Secure residential institutions	C2a
	C3	Dwelling Houses	C3
	C4 Dwelling Houses in Multiple Occupation	Small shared houses occupied by between three and six unrelated individuals, as their only or main residence, who share basic amenities such as a kitchen or bathroom.	C4

	D1	Clinics, health centres, creches, day nurseries, day centres	E
	D1	Schools, non-residential education and training centres, museums, public libraries, public halls, exhibition halls, places of worship, law courts	F.1
	D2	Cinemas, concert halls, bingo halls and dance halls	Sui generis
	D2	Gyms, indoor recreations not involving motor vehicles or firearms	E
	D2	Hall or meeting place for local communities	F.2
	D2	Indoor/outdoor swimming baths, skating rinks, and outdoor sports or recreations not involving motor vehicles or firearms	F.2

NEW SUI GENERIS USES

The list of uses which do not fall within any use class (and are thereby Sui Generis) has now been updated. Any proposal which seeks the change of use to or from this shall therefore require full planning permission. The additional uses added to the Sui Generis list are:

- A public house, wine bar, or drinking establishment
- A drinking establishment with expanded food provision
- A hot food takeaway for the sale of hot food where consumption of that food is mostly undertaken off the premises
- A venue for live music performance
- A cinema
- A concert hall
- A bingo hall
- A dance hall

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