

Current Use Classes

Class E – Commercial, Business and Service

A flexible class covering many former A and B1 uses:

E(a): Shops

E(b): Restaurants and cafés (excluding pubs and takeaways)

E(c): Financial and professional services (e.g. banks, estate agents)

E(d): Indoor sport, recreation or fitness (e.g. gyms)

E(e): Medical or health services (e.g. clinics, dentists)

E(f): Crèches, day nurseries

E(g): Offices, R&D, and light industry

Class F1 – Learning and Non-Residential Institutions

Schools and educational establishments

Libraries and museums

Places of worship

Public halls

Art galleries (not for sale or hire)

Class F2 – Local Community Uses

Small shops (under 280 sqm, no similar shop within 1km)

Community halls or meeting places

Outdoor sport or recreation areas

Swimming pools and skating rinks

Class C – Residential

C1: Hotels, guest houses

C2: Residential institutions (e.g. care homes, hospitals)

C2A: Secure residential institutions (e.g. prisons)

C3: Dwelling houses (family homes)

C4: Houses in multiple occupation (HMOs)

Class B – Industrial and Storage

B2: General industrial

B8: Storage or distribution (e.g. warehouses)

Sui Generis – Uses Outside Standard Classes

These uses don't fall into any specific class and include:

Pubs and bars

Hot food takeaways

Cinemas, nightclubs, casinos

Petrol stations

Vehicle repair and sale

Tattoo parlours, betting shops