

Appendix 2: Use Classes

Use Classes Order and this Guidance

- 7.3 The Use Classes Order 1987 (as amended) groups together uses with similar characteristics and planning impacts. You do not need planning permission to change between two uses in the same use class. For example, a shop selling food can change to a travel agent without planning permission as they are both in use class A1 - shops.
- 7.4 The table below gives information on the use classes that are most relevant to this guidance. It gives examples of the type of premises which fall within each class and sets out what uses they can change to without the need for planning permission.

Use Class	Use	Examples of type of premises	Permitted change to other uses (i.e. planning permission not required)
A1	Shops	shops, post offices, sandwich bars, internet cafés, hairdressers, travel agents, dry clearers	none
A2	Financial and professional services	banks, building societies, estate agents, betting shops	To a shop (A1)
A3	Restaurants and cafés	Restaurants and cafés (selling food to be consumed on the premises)	To a shop (A1) or to financial and professional services (A2)
A4	Drinking establishments	pubs, bars etc	To a shop (A1), financial and professional services (A2) or a restaurant/café (A3)
A5	Hot food takeaways	Takeaways (selling food to be consumed off the premises)	To a shop (A1), financial and professional services (A2) or a restaurant/café (A3)
B1a	Business	offices	To storage and distribution use (B8), where no