

Planning Update

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Amendments to the Use Class Order

The Government have published amendments to the use class order, which come into force on 1st September 2020. The Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2020 make significant changes to the use classes, with potentially wide ranging implications.

Use	Existing Use Class	New Use Class
Shops Financial and professional services Food and drink Offices, research and development, industrial processes Clinics, health centres, crèches, day nurseries Indoor sport, recreation or fitness	A1 A2 A3 B1 D1 D2	E commercial, business and service
Drinking establishments Hot food takeaways Live music venue, cinema, concert hall, bingo hall, dance hall	A4 A5 D2	Sui generis
Education, display or works of art, museum, public library or reading room, public hall or exhibition hall, for, or in connection with, public worship or religious instruction, law court	D1	F.1 learning and non-residential institutions
Shop selling essential goods where the premises is less than 280 sqm and no such shop within 1,000m radius Community hall or meeting place Outdoor sport or recreation, indoor or outdoor swimming pool or skating rink	A1 D1 D2	F.2 local community

The amendments specify that for any building or land within the newly defined use classes, any change of use within the same class is not considered development. This will provide significantly more options for the use of buildings and land, with retail units, offices, and so on, able to change between the 'commercial, business and service' uses.



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