

Appendix C – Use Classes

2020 Use Classes Order

In September 2020 new use classes were introduced for employment, retail, some residential and community uses, below is a summary of how these use classes have changed. The new use classes that make up commercial floorspace can be split into the below categories:

• Employment (Including Retail)
• Non-residential Institutions
• Community Facilities
• Sui Generis

Use Class up to 31 st Aug 2020	New Use Class* Sept 2020	Description
A (1,2,3)	E (a,b,c - i,ii,iii,)	<p>Ea) Shops</p> <p>Eb) Use, or part use, for all or any of the following purposes: Food and drink which is mostly consumed on the premises.</p> <p>Ec) The following kinds of services principally to visiting members of the public:</p> <p>i. financial services</p> <p>ii. professional services (other than medical services)</p> <p>iii. any other services which it is appropriate to provide in a commercial, business or service locality.</p>
B1a	E g) (i,ii,iii)	<p>Eg i) Office (exempt from those specified in A2)</p> <p>Eg ii) Research and Development</p> <p>Eg iii) Any other services which it is appropriate to provide in a commercial, business or service locality</p>
B2	B2	General Industry
B8	B8	Storage and Distribution
C1	C1	C1 - Hotels, boarding and guest houses
New	E (d,e,f)	<p>Ed) Indoor sport and recreation</p> <p>Ee) Medical services</p> <p>Ef) Non-residential creche, day centre or nursery</p>
New	F1	F1) Learning and non-residential institutions
	F2	F2) Local Community Uses

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New	SUI GENERIS (SG)	Uses which do not fall within the specified use classes above, including those specifically identified in Article 3(6) of The Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987:
A4	N/A	Now Sui Generis from September 2020
A5	N/A	Now Sui Generis from September 2020
B1	N/A	Now E Class from September 2020
B1 – B8	N/A	Now E Class from September 2020
D1	N/A	now split across Class E and F1
D2	N/A	Now Sui Generis from September 2020

It is important to note that for commercial floorspace monitoring, all extant consents granted under the former use classes will be related to the new use classes.