



Commercial Property Classification

Commercial property encompasses many types of building, these all have their own respective classifications. Please see the chart below outlining these:

Classification Type	Building Type	Building Type
B1	Business	Offices, research and development, light industry appropriate in a residential area.
A1	Shops	Shops, post offices, travel agents, hairdressers, funeral directors, dry cleaners.
A2	Financial and professional services	Banks, building societies, betting offices, and other financial and professional services.
A3	Restaurants & Cafes	Restaurants, Snack Bars and cafes - Use for the sale of food for consumption on the premises.
A4	Drinking Establishments	Use as a Public House, Wine Bar or other Drinking Establishment. The primary purpose is the sale and consumption of alcoholic drink on the premises.
A5	Hot Food Takeaway	Use for the sale of hot food for consumption off the premises.
B2	General Industrial	
B8	Storage and distribution	Including open air storage.
C1	Hotels	Hotels, boarding and guest houses where no significant element of care is provided.
C2	Residential Institutions	Residential care homes, hospitals, nursing homes, boarding schools, residential colleges and training centres.
C2A	Secure Residential Institution	Use for a provision of secure residential accommodation, including use as a prison, young offenders institution, detention centre, secure training centre, custody centre, short term holding centre, secure hospital, secure local authority accommodation or use as a military barracks.
C3	Dwellinghouses	Family houses, or houses occupied by up to six residents living together as a single household, including a household where care is provided for residents
D1	Non-residential Institutions	Surgeries, nurseries, day centres, schools, art galleries, museums, libraries, halls, churches.
D2	Assembly and Leisure	Cinemas, concert halls, bingo and dance halls, casinos, swimming baths, skating rinks, gymnasiums or sports arenas (except for motor sports, or where firearms are used).