



Reference: FOI1049

Request:

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act regarding businesses applying to change the usage of retail spaces in under the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) order of 1987. The request specifically applies to Class A, covering shops and other retail premises such as restaurants and bank branches.

The questions are as follows:

Q1. How many applications were made to your council under the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order of 1987 to alter the usage of retail outlets to each of the following classes in the following timeframes?

- 2016
- 2017
- 2018

Q2. What was the total number of applications made under the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order of 1987 rejected by your council in the following timeframes?

- 2016
- 2017
- 2018

Q3. How much income was generated by applications under the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order of 1987 to alter the usage of retail outlets in the following timeframes?

- 2016
- 2017
- 2018

For ease of completion I have provided tables for each question below.

Planning response: data added to the tables below.

Information is based on the valid date of application in the three periods. For clarification the information provided relates to changes within retail classes and from retail to sui generis but not changes from non-retail to retail. Information has been extracted from the Council's Uniform system based on the classification of applications by development type (ie. Major and minor retail and service; other and change of use).

Q1. How many applications were made to your council under the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order of 1987 to alter the usage of retail outlets to each of the following classes in the following timeframes?	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
A1 – Shops	1	1	1
A2 – Financial and professional services	0	1	0
A3 – Restaurants and cafes	7	2	4
A4 – Drinking establishments	1	0	4
A5 – Hot food takeaways	4	5	2
Sui generis	5	4	2

Q2. What was the total number of applications made under the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order of 1987 were rejected by your council in the following timeframes?	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
A1 – Shops	0	0	1
A2 – Financial and professional services	0	0	0
A3 – Restaurants and cafes	0	0	0
A4 – Drinking establishments	0	0	0
A5 – Hot food takeaways	4	5	1
Sui generis	0	0	0

Please note: In 2018/19 two applications which were valid between 1/1/19 and 31/3/19 are as yet undetermined.

Q3. How much income was generated by applications under the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order of 1987 to alter the usage of retail outlets in the following timeframes?	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Total income (£)	5970	5159	5929