**WBCIR:17678**

**This request applies specifically to Class A premises, which includes shops and retail premises such as restaurants.**

1. **Please state the number of applications to open new A category outlets in the following years by type:**

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|  | **2021 (Jan – Dec)** | **2022  (Jan – Dec)** | **2023 (Jan – Dec)** |
| **A1- Shops** |  |  |  |
| **A2 – Financial and professional services** |  |  |  |
| **A3- Restaurants and cafes** |  |  |  |
| **A4- Drinking establishments** |  |  |  |
| **A5- hot food takeaways** |  |  |  |
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We don’t record applications in this way. We could provide a report which shows all change of use applications for each year and the enquirer could look through it. However, since 2020 classes A1, A2 and A3 have been replaced by use class E. Applicants do not generally apply for a change of use to a specific use class, they would apply for a change of use to an identified use eg to a hairdresser.  
All planning applications are available on the Council’s web site and can be searched.

1. **Please state how many applications for new category A outlets were approved in the following years by type:**

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|  | **2021 (Jan – Dec)** | **2022  (Jan – Dec)** | **2023 (Jan – Dec)** |
| **A1- Shops** |  |  |  |
| **A2 – Financial and professional services** |  |  |  |
| **A3- Restaurants and cafes** |  |  |  |
| **A4- Drinking establishments** |  |  |  |
| **A5- hot food takeaways** |  |  |  |

 We don’t record applications in this way. Please see answer to question 1.

1. **For 2023, please state how many applications were received for change of use from one class to another by type.** E.g., if you received 10 applications from A1 properties, looking to change to A2, please detail below.

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|  | **Convert to: A1** | **A2** | **A3** | **A4** | **A5** |
| **Convert from: A1- Shops** | X |  |  |  |  |
| **A2 – Financial and professional services** |  | X |  |  |  |
| **A3- Restaurants and cafes** |  |  | X |  |  |
| **A4- Drinking establishments** |  |  |  | X |  |
| **A5- hot food takeaways** |  |  |  |  | X |

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1. **How much do you currently charge for a change of use application?**

Planning application fees are set nationally by the Government and can be viewed at: https://ecab.planningportal.co.uk/uploads/english\_application\_fees.pdf