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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2015 No. 597**

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING, ENGLAND**

**The Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) (Amendment) (England) Order 2015**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>18th March 2015</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>24th March 2015</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>15th April 2015</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 55(2)(f) and 333(7) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990(1), makes the following Order:

**Citation, commencement, interpretation and application**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) (Amendment) (England) Order 2015 and comes into force on 15th April 2015.

(2) In this Order—

“the commencement date” means 15th April 2015; and

“the Use Classes Order” means the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987(2).

(3) This Order applies in England only.

**Amendments to the Use Classes Order**

2.—(1) The Use Classes Order is amended in accordance with the following paragraphs.

(2) In article 3(6) (exclusion from use classes), at the end, for the full stop substitute a comma and insert—

“(n) as a betting office,

(o) as a pay day loan shop.”

(3) After article 3(6) (exclusion from use classes), insert—

“(6A) For the purpose of paragraph (6)—

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(1) 1990 c.8, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

(2) 1987/764; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1991/1567, S.I. 1992/610, SI 1992/657, S.I. 1994/724, S.I. 1995/297, S.I. 1999/293, S.I. 2005/84, S.I. 2006/220, S.I. 2010/675 and S.I. 2011/988.

“high-cost short-term credit” has the meaning given in the edition of the Financial Conduct Authority’s Handbook which came into effect on 1st April 2014 (following an amendment by the Authority in the Consumer Credit (Consequential and Supplementary Amendments) Instrument 2014(3)); and

“pay day loan shop” means premises—

- (a) from which high-cost short-term credit is provided principally to visiting members of the public and includes premises from which such credit is provided in addition to other financial or professional services, and
- (b) which, but for provision made in this article, would fall within Class A2 (financial and professional services) of the Schedule to this Order.”

(4) In Part A (Use Classes) of the Schedule, in Class A2(c) omit “(including use as a betting office)”.

### **Transitional provisions for premises in the process of conversion to use as a betting office or a pay day loan shop**

3.—(1) The amendments made to the Use Classes Order by this Order do not apply to development specified in paragraph (2) and accordingly the Use Classes Order, in the form in which it existed immediately before the coming into force of this Order, continues to apply in relation to that development.

(2) Development is specified for the purposes of paragraph (1) where it consists of a change of use of a building to use as a betting office or a pay day loan shop (which has the meaning in article 3(6A) of the Use Classes Order(4))—

- (a) from a use falling within Class A2 (financial and professional services), Class A3 (restaurants and cafes), Class A4 (drinking establishments) or Class A5 (hot food takeaways) of the Schedule to the Use Classes Order provided that before the commencement date a betting premises licence under Part 8 of the Gambling Act 2005(5) has been issued in relation to the building;
- (b) from a use as an agricultural building provided that the change of use is carried out in accordance with the requirements of Class R of Part 3 of Schedule 2 to the Permitted Development Order and—
  - (i) the developer submitted the information required under paragraph R.3(1)(a) of Part 3 of that Schedule before the commencement date; or
  - (ii) the prior approval date fell on a day before the commencement date;
- (c) from a use falling within one of the uses mentioned in Class D(a) of Part 4 of Schedule 2 to the Permitted Development Order provided that—
  - (i) the change of use is carried out in accordance with the requirements of Class D; and
  - (ii) before the commencement date, the developer notifies (or further notifies) the local planning authority under paragraph D.2(a) of Part 4 of that Schedule of the change of use.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2)—

“agricultural building” has the same meaning as in Part 3 of Schedule 2 to the Permitted Development Order;

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(3) FCA 2014/12, which can be found at [http://media.fshandbook.info/Legislation/2014/FCA\\_2014\\_12.pdf](http://media.fshandbook.info/Legislation/2014/FCA_2014_12.pdf) A copy of the Financial Conduct Authority’s Handbook may be inspected at the Financial Conduct Authority, 25 The North Colonnade, London, E14 5HS or viewed online at <http://www.fshandbook.info/FS/html/FCA>

(4) 1987/764; article 3(6A) is inserted by this Order.

(5) 2005 c. 19.

“Permitted Development Order” means the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015(6); and

“prior approval date” means, in relation to a particular development, the date when—

- (i) prior approval of the local planning authority in respect of the matters in paragraph R.3(1)(b) of Part 3 of Schedule 2 to the Permitted Development Order is given;
- (ii) a determination that such approval is not required is given, or
- (iii) the period for giving such a determination has expired without the applicant being notified whether prior approval is required, given or refused.

(4) The transitional provisions in this article cease to have effect at the end of the 3 year period beginning with the commencement date.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

*Brandon Lewis*  
Minister of State  
Department for Communities and Local  
Government

18th March 2015

**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order amends the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (S.I. 1987/764) (“the principal Order”). The principal Order specifies classes for the purposes of section 55(2)(f) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (c. 8), which provides that a change of use of a building or other land does not involve development for the purposes of the Act if the new use and the former use are both within the same specified class. This Order amends the principal Order by providing that use as a betting office and use as a pay day loan shop are included in article 3(6) of the principal Order: the list of uses excluded from the specified classes.

Article 3 makes transitional provision in relation to premises which at the date of coming into force of this Order are in the process of converting to a betting office or a pay day loan shop the effect of which is to treat such premises as if they remained within Class A2 (financial and professional services) of the Schedule to the principal Order. The transitional provisions cease to have effect 3 years after this Order comes into force.

A copy of the Financial Conduct Authority’s Handbook, which is referred to in the definition of “high-cost short-term credit” in article 3(4A) of the principal Order (inserted by this Order), may be inspected at the Financial Conduct Authority, 25 The North Colonnade, London, E14 5HS or viewed online at: <http://www.fshandbook.info/FS/html/FCA>

An impact assessment has been prepared in relation to the Order and is published with the Explanatory Memorandum alongside this instrument at [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) or a copy may be inspected at the Planning Directorate, the Department for Communities and Local Government, Fry Building, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DF.