

Permitted Developments in Tower Hamlets

The below table lists permitted developments (not limited to) that require you to seek prior approval from Tower Hamlets.

[The Town and Country Planning \(General Permitted Development\) \(England\) Order 2015](#) (GPDO) forms the principal order for most of these developments, however there are subsequent amendments (in 2016, 2017) that may also need to be reviewed to clarify the legislative requirements for each development.

GPDO	Description	Prior approval/notification requirements
Part 1	Development within the curtilage of a dwellinghouse	
<i>Class A</i>	<i>Enlargement, improvement or other alteration of a dwellinghouse</i>	Page 16 of GPDO 2015 Page 2 of GPDO 2016 Page 1 of GPDO 2017
Part 3	Changes of use	
<i>Class A</i>	<i>Restaurants, cafes, takeaways or pubs to retail</i>	Page 27 of GPDO 2015
<i>Class B</i>	<i>Takeaways or pubs to restaurants and cafes</i>	Page 29 of GPDO 2015
<i>Class C</i>	<i>Retail, betting office or pay day loan shop or casino to restaurant or café</i>	Page 29 of GPDO 2015
<i>Class J</i>	<i>Retail or Betting Office or Payday Loan-shop to Assembly and Leisure</i>	Page 33 of GPDO 2015
<i>Class M</i>	<i>Retail and specified sui-generis to Residential</i>	Page 35 of GPDO 2015 Page 2 of GPDO 2016

<i>Class N</i>	<i>Retail & Sui Generis to Residential</i>	Page 37 of GPDO 2015
<i>Class O</i>	<i>Office to Residential</i>	Page 38 of GPDO 2015 Page 2 of GPDO 2016
<i>Class P</i>	<i>Storage / Distribution to Residential</i>	Page 39 of GPDO 2015
<i>Class PA</i>	<i>Light industrial use to Residential</i>	Page 3 of GPDO 2016
<i>Class T</i>	<i>Business, hotels etc. to State-funded School or Nursery</i>	Page 45 of GPDO 2015
Part 4	Temporary buildings and uses	
<i>Class C</i>	<i>Use as a state-funded school for two academic years</i>	Page 51 of GPDO 2015 Page 2 of GPDO 2017
<i>Class CA</i>	<i>Provision of a temporary state-funded school on previously vacant commercial land</i>	Page 2 of GPDO 2017
<i>Class D</i>	<i>Shops, financial, cafes, takeaways, pubs etc to temporary flexible use</i>	Page 53 of GPDO 2015
<i>Class E</i>	<i>Temporary use of buildings or land for film-making purposes</i>	Page 54 of GPDO 2015