

# Opening a Café, Restaurant or Bar

## CHECKLIST

Opening a café, restaurant or bar can involve several different parts of the council. These are the questions that you need to consider.

### Planning Permission

You will need planning permission to change from a retail shop, such as grocery store (called a class A1 use), to one of the following uses

- Restaurant or Café (Class A3)
- Bar or pub (Class A4)
- Hot food take away (Class A5)

#### How do I get planning permission?

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### Building Regulations

- Will there be any structural alterations?

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### Environmental Health

- Have I registered my business with the commercial team?
- Have I got adequate toilet facilities?
- Have I got adequate food preparation and storage facilities?
- Do I need an external fume extraction duct?

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### Highways

- Will the Highway Authority be likely to object to a planning application on traffic grounds?
- Can I put chairs and tables out on the footpath? **You will need a licence to put chairs and tables out on the footpath.**

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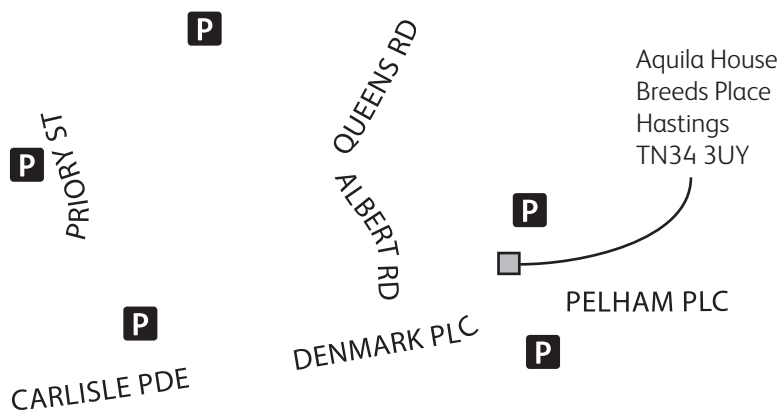
### Licensing

- Will I be selling hot food or drink any time between 11pm and 5am?
- Will I be selling alcohol?
- Will I be likely to get a licence?
- Will I be providing entertainment?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you will require a separate licence from the licensing team:

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When you have read this leaflet please contact us to arrange an appointment to discuss your café, bar or restaurant. If you need a translator or have any other needs please let us know when you make the appointment.

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