

Certificate of Lawfulness for use of former retail shop as sunbed and beauty salon

The Old Coach House, Waddington Road, Clitheroe

Applicant: Mr D Bone

Supporting Statement

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This statement has been prepared in support of the above application for use of former retail premises as a sunbed and beauty salon.

We initially approached the planning department about the proposed use, without response, because a sunbed salon would previously have fallen within the Sui Generis class of planning meaning a change of use would have been required. However, having looked into the matter in more detail, it is apparent that there is now case law determining that the use of sunbed salon falls with the updated Class E use class, meaning a sunbed/beauty salon is suitable for the current use.

Given the research, it is our understanding that the use as sunbed salon falls within Use Class E.

An appeal in 2022 (APP/R5510/X/22/3290784) confirmed by the Planning Inspectorate determined that a former restaurant could be used as a tanning salon. This was previously considered sui generis, but the decision reflects the updated wording within Use Class E, which includes “any other services which it is appropriate to provide in a commercial, business or service locality.”

On further review of the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) records, which list other local businesses of the same use, 49 Moor Lane (The Tanning Studio) is listed as “shop and premises,” rather than sui generis. This business operates as a mixed-use premises offering sunbeds, nails, and beauty treatments.

With the above in mind, we consider that the proposed use falls within the existing use (Class E) and will comply with relevant planning policy and a Certificate of Lawfulness should therefore be granted.

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