

WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF DECISION

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION FOR A1 TO A2 USE CLASS

Notice is hereby given that the Cabinet Member for Built Environment, has made the following executive decision on the above mentioned subject for the reasons set out below.

Summary of Decision

- 1 That the Cabinet Member:
 - i) Considered the representations made to the proposed non-immediate direction under article 4 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 to remove permitted development rights granted by Schedule 2 Part 3 Class D of the 2015 Order for changes of use from A1 (shops) to A2 (financial and professional services) in the Core Central Activities Zone (CAZ) (as defined in Westminster's City Plan: Strategic Policies) and other designated shopping centres outside of the Core CAZ
 - ii) Confirmed the direction, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, to come into effect on 1st January 2017.
 - iii) Approved the giving of notice of the confirmation and date of commencement and sending of a copy of the direction as confirmed to the Secretary of State as required by paragraph 1(11) of Schedule 3 to the GPDO 2015 (Appendix 2 to the report).

Reasons for Decision

The decision requires that planning applications are made for changes of use from A1 (shops) to A2 (financial and professional services) in key shopping areas to enable the council to continue to protect the retail function of its key shopping areas and ensure their continued vitality and viability using the policy framework provided by the statutory local plan and powers provided by planning legislation.

Declarations of Interest

The Cabinet Member declared that he knows Lord Flight who is a Director of Metro Bank.

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