

WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF DECISION

SUBJECT: ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION

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

(
Introduction of a non-immediate Article 4 Direction to remove permitted development rights for change of use from Class E (commercial, business and service uses) to C3 (dwelling houses) in town centres outside of the Central Activities Zone (CAZ).
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Summary of Decision

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That the Cabinet Member for Business, Licensing and Planning approves the making of a non-immediate Direction under Article 4 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (as amended) to remove permitted development rights granted for the change of use from Class E (commercial, business and service uses) to Class C3 (dwellinghouses) within the areas shown in Appendix 2.

2.0 Reasons for Decision

2.1 The making of the proposed Article 4 Direction will help enable the City Council to use its planning powers to secure an appropriate balance of uses in designated town centres that fall outside of the CAZ, to ensure they continue to offer a range of shops and services to local residents and provide employment opportunities. Securing the vitality and viability of these town centres is in accordance with the objectives of City for All, and the policies in the Westminster City Plan, particularly Policy 14 'Town Centres, High Streets and the CAZ'. It will also help ensure new developments meet a wide range of policy objectives including responding to the climate emergency, contributing towards the delivery of affordable housing, and supporting enhanced infrastructure provision.

Reasons for Decision

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