6AM Development comments

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It is essential for London's future that we co-locate industrial with residential. Co-location has worked successfully in mainland Europe for generations.

We have a history of locating industry in a seperate part of towns and cities to residential. As London has grown in all directions these industrial areas now border residential uses. The inefficiencies of industrial land use are obvious - single storey buildings with large service yards abut high density residential. Co-location will increase residential supply and renew the industrial stock.

I belive the term 'industrial' is misleading. It evokes an image that is towards the heavier end of industrial uses. In reality and more commonly, occupiers of industrial units in London are at the lower end of the scale - designers and makers of high quality handmade products and food and beverage producers for the large London market. These occupiers have been affected severely by the continued loss of industrial property in London.

They are ideal occupiers for developments with residential. Keeping these producers close to their markets and employees reduces traffic, congestion and carbon.

These occupiers prefer higher quality accommodation which isn't currently being developed. Any increase in this type of property should increase employment in these growing businesses.

Co-location is also a visible sign that London is working and producing for itself.