



PLANNING BULLETIN

Industrial Capacity – Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance for London (October 2007)

The Mayor of London first introduced draft Supplementary Planning Guidance (dSPG) on Industrial Capacity for consultation in 2003. However, due to significant changes in national and regional policy it has been necessary for a revised document to be produced for public consultation.

The document produced in October 2007 does not set out new policy but it is intended to advise how policies within Further Alterations to the London Plan 2006 - 2026 are implemented.

The key points of this guidance are:

- Ensuring that there is an adequate supply of industrial capacity to meet the future needs and functional requirements of different types of industrial land and related uses in different parts of London.
- Plan, monitor and manage the release of surplus industrial land so that it can better contribute to meeting strategic and local planning objectives, especially those to provide more housing, and contribute to town centre renewal.

Three main types of industrial land are identified:

Strategic Industrial Locations (SILs) – are resources that must be sustained as London's main reservoir of industrial capacity, although they will be subject to periodic review.

Locally Significant Industrial Sites (LSIS) – the protection of such sites needs to be justified in local assessments of supply and demand and should be identified in Development Plan Documents.

Other Smaller Industrial Sites – they have historically been susceptible to change. These sites could better meet the London Plan's objectives in new uses but will have a continuing local and strategic role for industry.

Approximately 40% of London's industrial land lies in SILs. Whilst boroughs are encouraged to provide for sufficient land and premises in industrial and related uses to meet future demand, the SPG estimates that there is scope to release an average of 41ha of industrial land per annum between 2006 and 2026.

Generally this should be in the form of smaller sites outside the SIL framework. Land in SILs and LSISs should be protected except in parts of north east and south east London where there is scope for strategically co-ordinated further release from some SILs.

The key priority for re-used land will be housing (predominantly affordable), social infrastructure and increasing capacity for town centre developments in some instances.



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