



## Understanding Housing Typologies

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- **It is useful to think about four principle housing block types familiar in London – the terrace, the linear urban block, the urban villa and the tower.** These are the basis for future housing in various combinations with a variety of dwelling types.
- **Design pressure points include how buildings meet the ground (the location of bins, bikes and storage versus active frontage) and managing daylight and sunlight in homes and public spaces.** the intent behind rules such as back to back distances are important and designs should show how these will be met if the rule is not followed.
- **Complex combinations of typologies can create vibrant and interesting places that relate to varying neighbouring contexts and optimise site use.** A site's context, shape, size and other attributes determines the most appropriate types and combination of building typologies for it.
- **The need to provide housing for older people is critical as people are living longer lives and the proportion of older people in the population is increasing.** Supporting independent living can make lives better and help to reduce health and social services costs. older people are the glue within communities and older peoples housing can successfully form the heart of neighbourhoods
- **Co-living is a new emerging model of housing. It represents a form of living that combines private living spaces with communal spaces.** The private living spaces tend to be below housing design space standards.
- **Appropriate site density should be an outcome of design processes and:** Requires contextual design; Can create green sanctuaries; Does not prohibit quality outdoor spaces; Can create original homes; Encourages social interaction requires careful sequencing of public and communal spaces; Supports inter-generational living encourages smart mixes.

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