

Meeting Summary

London Wildlife Sites Board (LWSB)

8th June 2026

Full meeting minutes are available on request.

1. Clarifications on previous meeting minutes

The previous meeting minutes were agreed.

2. Royal Borough of Greenwich SINC Review

The Board reviewed the Royal Borough of Greenwich's SINC review, undertaken by Place Services. Discussions focused on resourcing, the methodology used and proposed changes to several SINC areas.

Board members raised some concerns, particularly around the extent of change proposed. The Board made a number of recommendations, including re-considering potential buffer areas, ecological corridors, and areas with opportunities for future biodiversity enhancement. Additional comments on specific sites and boundary changes were given by Board members.

3. London Borough of Bromley SINC Review

Bromley provided an update following the Board's review in December 2025. Amendments had been made in response to previous comments. The Board welcomed the updates and were content with the revised review and the approach taken.

4. Updated SINC Advice Note

The revised SINC Advice Note has now been finalised and published. Key changes include a clearer distinction between core and supporting criteria and stronger evidence requirements demonstrating how sites meet the selection criteria.

The Board discussed opportunities to improve mapping guidance and agreed that new SINC reviews should follow the updated advice note once adopted.

5. Focus Member Updates

Rosie Whicheloe will be standing down from the Board, due to a change in role. The Board thanked Rosie for her contributions over the years.

GiGL raised a query regarding the implications of new planning regulations introduced in March 2026 and whether references to Regulation 18 consultations within the proposed SINC process should be updated to align with the new Gateway stages. Members agreed to seek clarification from planning colleagues.

6. AoB

The next London Wildlife Sites Board meeting will be held on 14th September 2026.