

GiGL pSINCs

Proposed Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation

LONDON-WIDE DATASETS

GiGL manages a London-wide database of adopted Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs) and proposed Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (pSINCs)

SINC and pSINC data are collated from Boroughs and standardised. The pSINC database represents sites that have entered public consultation (starting from Regulation 18) but have not yet been adopted in a Local Plan

Standard & predictive Areas of Deficiency (AoD) in access to nature mapping using network analysis is available under licence to GiGL SLA partners

Local planning authority



LOCAL SINC REVIEW

Local review and survey of SINC sites and recommendations

A survey is carried out for key sites across the borough. Based on the results and interpretation, recommendations are made regarding SINC sites to maintain, boundary alterations, changes to grades or new sites

SURVEY DATA & PROPOSED POLICY DECISIONS

New data are generated and recommendations are published as proposals, entering public consultation as part of planning Regulation 18

Proposals may include new SINC sites, changed boundaries, grade changes or de-designations



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GiGL REFERENCE DATA

Before a survey, contractors can receive baseline reference data from GiGL, and guidance from GiGL on data standards

GiGL will share SINC boundaries, current AoD and access points with SLA partners' contractors under a project-specific licence



Orchids at Coulsdon Memorial Recreation Ground (Mike Waite)

PROPOSALS ARE DATABASSED

Once new pSINCs have entered public consultation (Regulation 18), they can be provided to GiGL who will update the pSINC dataset with new sites or changes

These data can then be made available for decision making and research via GiGL's products and services, including our data search reports for planning applicants

As there can be a long gap between SINC reviews and official adoption, the pSINC dataset allows these sites to be shared with GiGL's partners and clients to benefit their conservation



LWSB REVIEW

Proposed changes are reviewed by the London Wildlife Sites Board (LWSB)

The board provides expert and independent advice on the borough's approach and sites selected, and should be consulted on the SINC review and proposed changes

LOCAL PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Mapping and reporting on proposals for purpose of adoption

Following further consultations, and examination by an independent planning inspector, final decisions are made regarding which SINCs are adopted. The Local Plan will include maps of the sites to be adopted - including any accepted proposals and changed AoD



Bear's wood bluebells (Jane Hewitt)

LOCAL PLAN ADOPTED

Local Plan and SINCs are adopted



Grey heron on the River Thames and its tidal tributaries (Jason Gallier)

DATABASES UPDATED

GiGL updates SINC database and AoD mapping

Once the Local Plan is adopted, GiGL will transfer pSINCs to the adopted SINCs database. Any effects on AoD will also be updated in the AoD mapping. These data can then be made available for decision making and research via GiGL's products and services, including our data search reports for planning applicants



NEXT EXPECTED SINC REVIEW

The review and survey process is repeated by local planning authorities a maximum of 10 years following the last SINC review

