

## **Ground nesting bird measures – review of provision of footpaths during the breeding season**

- The Greenham & Crookham Common Commission approved reinstating the ground nesting birds measures as delivered in 2022 for the coming ground nesting bird season in 2023 at the October 27<sup>th</sup> full Commission meeting.
- Following on from that meeting, the Conservation Management Committee met on 14<sup>th</sup> November to discuss the implementation of the ground nesting birds measures in light of requests to provide additional paths along fire breaks during the bird breeding season (1<sup>st</sup> March – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023).
- In making an assessment, the Conservation Management Committee reviewed evidence from historic surveys carried out on the Common, looked at breeding bird territories in and around these fire breaks collected from 2010 to 2022, reviewed some key pieces of relevant supporting literature, and gathered expert opinion from local specialists.
- After careful consideration of the data and the impact upon notable bird species, the group were unanimous in agreeing a recommendation to be made to the Commission.

### **Recommendation:**

The Conservation Management Committee recommends that the Commission agreed to instate an informal 170m of path through the central firebreak on north western lozenge only (see attached map). Providing an additional path through this part of the common will create several shorter circular routes accessible from both Control Tower and Pyle Hill car parks.