

In their response MSDC correctly identify a recently constructed path across the southern part of Scaynes Hill Common and a trodden path across the northern part. However, they fail to state that Scaynes Hill Common is a designated Site of Interest for Nature Conservation (SINC) due to its relatively rare nature as unimproved acid grassland and the flora and fauna that this supports.

Due to historic maintenance regimes being slightly different between the two parts of the common the southern part has become partially degraded. Thus when Lindfield Rural Parish Council proposed the recently constructed footpath across the southern part of the common the Scaynes Hill Sustainability Group did not object to its construction. However, if it was proposed to convert the trodden path across the northern part of the Common to a paved path with concrete edging as done to the southern part this would be both inappropriate visually as well as potentially damaging to the remaining rare and valuable ecological habitat of the Common.

Yours sincerely
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