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dear sir/madam,

I wish to make the following submission to the Consultative Committee on seagulls.

I am very familiar with the problems being experienced in Balbriggan and particularly around the estates of Fancourt Heights and Hampton Cove.

The residents have been experiencing persistent early morning noise particularly in the months of April to September.

Many people living in the area work at the airport, necessitating shift work and working with heavy and important machinery.

They experience sleep deprivation because of the deafening racket caused by the seagulls.

There are also many taxi drivers in the area who work at night and whose sleep is being deprived as they try to rest during the day.

The seagulls cause widespread destruction to houses, in many cases necessitating expensive repairs.

The mess they cause to property and cars cannot be underestimated as their faeces have been proved to be dangerous.

Children in these areas are unable to visit playgrounds when open and there have been many cases of seagulls taking food from their hands and defecating on them.

The very young and the elderly are particularly vulnerable to these attacks and need to be protected by measures to limit the activities of urban seagulls.

These seagulls are causing havoc in school yards, where they are swooping on children eating their lunch.

There have been cases of children and adults having to be treated in hospitals for cuts to their face and head.

Fingal County Council is very much aware of all of these problems.

I believe action to curb these urban seagulls needs to be taken urgently before the situation gets totally out of hand.

If not, it is only a matter of time before some child or elderly person unable to protect themselves is seriously hurt.

I have no wish to see any creature harmed in any way but in my opinion the protection of humans is more important than the protection of wildlife species.

Please act to ensure our people are given the protection they deserve and need.

Yours sincerely,

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