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To whomever it may concern,

I am writing today to express my concern regarding the rising number of seagulls and the problems associated with their increasing numbers and disruptive behaviours. I live in a coastal town (East Wall, Co Dublin) and from my experience, there are several problems associated with seagulls in the area. Firstly, there is intolerable noise pollution from 5am onwards all day every day and constant droppings. It is very difficult to get a good night's sleep and my outdoor living space is completely ruined. Additionally, they prey on food waste and are seen tearing apart bins creating a mess, which has become a serious public health issue. They also make a tremendous racket as some are perched on house chimneys. It is the abundance of noise, very early in the morning and late at night, that is my primary distress.

On several occasions, I have been attacked by a group of seagulls at lunch time when carrying food. It is not only myself who has been attacked by seagulls, many of the locals have also fallen victim to these attacks with the injuries sustained ranging in severity and the victim profile being as broad and diverse as the attacks themselves.

Not only are seagulls disrupting people's lives significantly, but they are also damaging the biodiversity of coastal towns. Frequently, I see seagulls swooping down and taking ducklings from the ponds at St. Stephens Green and Herbert Park. At this rate there will be no ducklings and the ponds will be full seagulls only.

With the city and coastal seagull problem only getting worse as they become bigger, bolder and more populous in urban areas, it is imperative that measures to reduce their numbers are taken with immediate effect. For too long the streets and coastal towns of Dublin have fallen foul to these menacing, torturous and unprovoked attacks delivered by a gang of feathered brutes. It is time to act now!

Kindest Regards,

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