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To whom it may concern.

Our concern in relation to the growing population of seagulls in the Balbriggan area is based on our personal experience of the impact that these birds have on us when they invade our neighborhood every year.

Every year seagulls build a nest behind the chimney on the roof in spite of various structures erected as a barrier to nest building. These have always failed resulting in my husband having to remove the eggs from the nest himself. Unfortunately he was knocked off the roof and landed on the extension roof. He had a very lucky escape from serious injury. He is a psv driver working shift hours who has suffered constant sleep deprivation due to the non stop noise of the birds on the roof.

It is dangerous to allow children in the garden due to to gulls swooping for any food that they have .There is bird poo everywhere which is a concern to anyone who is seriously immune compromised. This is a serious health and safety issue and must be taken into account as a matter of priority.

Seagulls do not belong in built up residential areas. The needs and concerns of the local populatio supercedes the needs of wild dangerous birds who do not contribute anything positive to the local population.

Yours faithfully,