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To whom it may concern,

On behalf of Pinewood Residents Association we would like to submit our comments and proposals on the urban seagull issue. Balbriggan is a seaside fishing town that was always accustomed to seagulls in the harbour area. However, in recent years and with the closure of Ballealy dump the rapid increase in seagull colonies is now out of hand. We have summarized our residents' serious concerns below for your attention.

- \*From April to September people's work is affected due to sleep deprivation from constant noise.
- \*Serious damage being done to personal properties i.e skylights being destroyed, excessive damage to roofs and chimneys
- \*Cars being damaged by faecal matter.
- \* Children and adults being attacked by seagulls swooping when chicks are on the ground and in gardens.
- \*Rapid decline in smaller bird species visiting gardens where seagull colonies are established.
- \*The local school within our housing estate is overrun with nesting seagulls. This creates a massive nuisance every break time for the children. They cannot under any circumstances bring food outside for fear of attack and damage being caused to roof skylights is mounting in costs. Chicks on the grounds of the school property are leaving vulnerable children too frightened to play outside with their peers.

We believe that people at home/work and those in schools have a right to a safe environment. All hospitals and food outlets including supermarkets, warehouses and factories, along with schools and built up housing areas must be seen as unsuitable for the breeding of seagulls.

Kind Regards,  
Pinewood Residents' Association.