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To whom it may concern.

I am involved in pest control, over the last number of years I have been asked to assist with a problem in Balbriggan. The issue's are health and safety related, the problem occurs when the gulls build in a unsuitable position, where the nest is not secure and can fall off the roof or a roof with too steep of pitch, resulting in chicks falling to the ground. This can pose problems such as kids or adults, but especially kids and the elderly not being able to access their gardens because parent birds are very protective and will swoop and attack anyone in the vicinity of the chicks.

I also have done some work for schools, where the kids are not allowed to eat outside, and some pre-school facilities are unable to use outside spaces for break time.

I always try prevention measures before nests are built, but as a last resort, sometimes nests have to be removed.

I will be watching closely to see if the derogation is renewed.

If I can be of any further assistance regarding my experience don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards [REDACTED]
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