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I would like to make a submission to the Public Consultation - Wild Bird Derogations ref. urban seagull issues - closing date 19th February 2021

Firstly The noise day and night for over five months April to Sept. I am a light sleeper so I suffer serious sleep deprivation. On the road where I live there are 4 schools and 5 pre schools close to the main road. The amount of faecal mess on homes, schools, play areas, food premises; a serious public health issue as urban seagulls are implicated in dispersal of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) in the environment as well as salmonella and campylobacter. I myself have many health issues and it concerns me greatly the risk this causes to people who are immune compromised, the very young and elderly are particularly vulnerable to serious injury or contamination/infection from seagull attacks. As a Mother and Grandmother I have grave concerns with aggressive foraging, attack and injury of people by seagulls in schools, in home gardens, on the streets, at shops and at supermarkets, at picnics, having street food. I am sure you understand my grave concerns for my grandchildren and the residents in my area. There has been very aggressive attacks on people during breeding time and when chicks are on the ground. Last summer my granddaughter had her sandwich snatched out of her hand during school lunch. She was 14 at the time, it's very traumatising. She was very lucky others have seriously injured and had to be referred to hospital. There has been damage to house roofs, flashing (flooding), solar panels, windows, cars - including to schools and to business premises. Unfortunately people feeding seagulls encourages the birds to nest near a regular food source and to pester all people for food; it is noteworthy the Dublin City Council and Limerick County Council prosecuted/fined people in 2020 for feeding seagulls and pigeons in urban residential areas.

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