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Hi

We live in a terraced house in Drumcondra and have been plagued by seagulls. In 2017 a pair of them built a nest among the cowls of our chimney. They have returned, as they are site loyal, every subsequent year. At least 10 chicks have been brooded there and as a consequence we have suffered the following:

- * extensive fouling of windows and walls.
- *noise pollution from early morning on.
- *aggressive behaviour towards us and our pets.It should be noted that seagulls are not a problem for only 4 weeks (as often claimed) but rather for 4 months i.e. from May to August when the fledglings finally leave.
- *expense: we tried to remedy the problem by having spikes installed between the cowls but to no avail. We then had to have a covering cage manufactured and installed at considerable expense. Seagulls have certainly increased in number in the area and a cull at this stage is urgently called for. Regards