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Dear team,

I am writing today to express my concern regarding the rising number of seagulls and the problems associated with their increasing numbers and disruptive behaviours. I live in Dublin [REDACTED] and from my experience, there are several problems associated with seagulls in the area. Firstly, there is intolerable noise pollution from 5am onwards all day every day and constant droppings. This is becoming a serious health hazard as our balcony is covered in droppings and is very difficult to live with.

It is also very difficult to get a good night's sleep. Additionally, they prey on food waste and are seen tearing apart public bins, creating a mess, which has become another serious public health issue. They also make a tremendous racket as we live on the top floor of an apartment complex and many seagulls are perched on the rooftops. It is the abundance of noise, very early in the morning and late at night, that is my primary distress.

On several occasions, I have been attacked by a group of seagulls at lunch time when carrying food. It is not only myself who has been attacked by seagulls, many of the locals have also fallen victim to these attacks with the injuries sustained ranging in severity and the victim profile, young and old, being as broad and diverse as the attacks themselves.

Not only are seagulls disrupting people's lives significantly, but they are also damaging the biodiversity of coastal towns. Frequently, I see seagulls swooping down and attacking wildlife in Phoenix park such as other birds like ducks in the ponds. At this rate there will be no ducklings and the ponds will be full seagulls only.

With the city and coastal seagull problem only getting worse as they become bigger, bolder and more populous in urban areas, it is imperative that measures to reduce their numbers are taken with immediate effect. For too long the streets and coastal towns of Dublin have fallen foul to these menacing, torturous and unprovoked attacks and disgusting waste of these wildly uncontrolled birds. It is time to act now!

Kindest Regards,

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