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Hi All,

I wish to share some of my main points and concerns regarding the increasing issue of Seagulls in Dublin City and North Dublin Area.

Over the past number of years the issue has become drastically more severe and concerning for those living in the area. The seagulls have become disruptive to society and a danger to people, animals and businesses. I have highlighted and summarised some of the main issues facing the community below:

1. Aggressive foraging for food

The seagulls have become increasingly more aggressive while foraging for food. This involves attacking those who may be eating outside in areas such as schools, playgrounds, in home gardens. This feeding and flying over head takes place in large flocks which is very intimidating for those who are the target.

2. Attacks on people/animals during breeding times

There have been very aggressive attacks on people and other animals, such as dogs, during the breeding time and when chicks are on the ground before they can fly.

There have been occasions during the summer where I can not sit out on my balcony due to the fear of being attacked as the seagulls constantly swoop down.

3. Damage to homes/businesses

The seagulls have caused very expensive damage to roofs, solar panels, windows and cars to homes, businesses and schools. The cost of these repairs are in the €,000s yearly

As it can be seen seagulls are becoming an increasing issue for the community with the only it getting worse if no action is taken. I would be grateful if you could please take these concerns into consideration.

Kind Regards,