

## Public consultation Wild Birds Declaration 2022-2023

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Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to voice opinions related to wild birds derogation 2022-23. In my area of operations we are constantly plagued by gulls, magpies and crows. These species have learned to feed off of human waste and need to be controlled. The derogation may not cover gulls but they soon learn when they see magpies shot that they need to steer clear.

The control of such nuisance species by both live catch-traps and rifles is essential.

Please note that the magpie is an introduced species which should be, in my opinion, irradiated and never offered any protection from legal predation via legal methods.

Magpies have taken over hedge rows in our urbanscapes and they encounter no impediment to their growth. They harry other native species of mammals and birds and actively destroy more lambs and sick calves than any fox. Its essential that they stay on the list.

Pigeons also need to strongly controlled and the ambiguity around the use of air rifles vs regular rifles needs to be addressed by the minister or flagged by the NPWS as its clear to the dogs on the street that the best route for control of these species is via low power firearms especially in the urban habitat that they exist in..

Kind Regards

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