

CONSULTATION ON THE PROBLEMS OF KITTIWAKES AND HERRING GULLS

Q1 What is your postcode:

Q2 In your local area, would you say there is a problem with:

	Yes	No
Herring Gulls	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Kittiwakes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q3 If your property directly affected by the presence of the gulls?

Yes No

Q4 If yes, would you be prepared to pay towards the cost of any deterrents?

Yes No

Q5 How major do you perceive the problem to be?

Very Minor Minor Neither minor nor major Major Very Major

Q6 What do you perceive to be the nature of the problem? (Tick all that apply):

- Noise caused by calling gulls and their heavy footsteps
- Mess caused by their droppings fouling washing, cars, gardens, people and walkways
- Damage to properties caused by gulls picking at roofing materials and by nests which block gutters or hold moisture against the building structure
- Birds dive bombing and swooping on animals and people
- Gas flues can become blocked by nesting materials which can have serious consequences (sometimes these can be fatal) if gas fumes are prevented from escaping correctly
- Mites and other insects can get a hold in houses from the old, abandoned nests once the chicks have fledged
- The risk to Public Health due to the diseases that they carry

Other (please specify)

Q7 **Do you think the Council should spend more to reduce the problem?**

Yes

No

Don't know

Q8 **Which of the following do you think would assist in reducing the nuisance caused by Kittiwakes?** (Tick all that apply)

Humane displacement and deterrent methods

Community engagement and public education

Regular breeding surveys

Better co-ordinated disposal of droppings

Bird proofing of buildings

Other (please specify)

Q9 **Which of the following do you think would assist in reducing the nuisance caused by Herring Gulls?** (Tick all that apply)

Limit gulls' access to food waste

Increase the use of effective intervention methods

Consider enforcement against those who break the rules

Better education and engagement with businesses, residents and visitors

Non-lethal displacement and deterrent methods incl. designing nesting places out of new developments

Bird proofing of buildings

Other (please specify)

Q10 Could local businesses, food and non-food establishments, residents, tourists, property owners and commercial developers do more to reduce the public nuisance caused by herring gulls and kittiwakes in the Borough?

Yes

No

Don't know

If so, what (please specify)

Q11 Please provide any additional information which you feel may assist the Council in resolving the public nuisance caused by herring gulls and kittiwakes.

Q12 The next stage of our review is to invite a panel of expert witnesses to take part in a public scrutiny enquiry day. If you would like to submit a question which can be put to our witnesses, then please provide below. We will then make a selection to ask on the day.

Equalities Monitoring

By answering the following questions, it will ensure we are providing a fair and equitable service. We will treat all information confidentially and use it for statistical monitoring only.

Are you male or female?

- Male Female

Which age group do you belong to?

- Under 18 25 - 29 40 - 49 60 - 64 75+
 18 - 24 30 - 39 50 - 59 65 - 74

Do you consider you have a disability/limiting long term illness?

- Yes No

Which of the following do you feel best describes your racial origin?

- White Chinese Asian Other
 Mixed Polish/Eastern European Black

How would you describe your faith/religion?

- Christian No Religion Hindu Buddhist
 Sikh Muslim Jewish Other

Which of the following best describes how you think of yourself?

- Heterosexual/straight Bisexual Gay /Lesbian Other Prefer not to say

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