

# Cornwall Council response to a member of public's question regarding Seagull nuisance

Thank you for your correspondence in respect of your concerns regarding seagulls in Liskeard. In answer to your query regarding the scheme of egg sterilisation available in Looe, this chargeable service (commercial premises) is operated by Looe Town Council at the request of landowners, and is independent of Cornwall Council.

The responsibility for undertaking pest control lies with the owner/occupier of the land or building upon which the seagulls are nesting. Since Herring Gulls are a protected species, this may only be undertaken by an authorised person under a general or personal licence issued by Natural England where there are issues of public health and safety (but not for nuisance or damage).

Whilst Local Authorities have no legislative duty in respect of seagulls, Cornwall Council takes a pro-active approach by providing advice and guidance on the deterrence of nuisance seagulls. Free advice can also be obtained from Natural England's wildlife licensing unit on 020 802 61089.

<http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/environmental-protection/environmental-protection-pests/gulls/>

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## Gulls - Cornwall Council

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Introduction. Herring gulls (The gull that gives people most cause for concern) can be a real problem to occupiers of buildings for a variety of reasons.

<http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-news-room/media-releases/news-from-2017/news-from-february-2017/cornwall-council-advises-householders-and-businesses-to-think-ahead-on-seagulls/>

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## Cornwall Council advises householders and businesses to ...

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Cornwall Council is offering advice to householders and businesses to try and head off some of the annual problems caused by seagulls. Every year there are complaints ...

Yours sincerely

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