

Seagulls Control



The best advice on limiting seagulls is that it is essential to control their access to food sources. If gulls are fed or can scavenge easily it will create an artificially high population and encourage further breeding pairs to take up residence in an area. A natural population level will be established only if the gulls are left to fend for themselves from natural food sources.

You are strongly urged not to feed the seagulls as this will cause more harm in the long term and can also cause unnecessary annoyance to neighbours.

Gulls will also scavenge readily on poorly stored refuse. The best advice is that if you are storing any waste outside in black bags, they are stored on a plastic or metal dustbin with a lid.

Problems can also be experienced when black bags (not in dustbins) are put out on collection day. Placing an old carpet or blanket over the bags will usually stop the seagulls. Please try not to leave the black bags out overnight as these are not only attached by gulls, but also by other animals including rats and mice, and can result in litter being spilled and blown about.