



Pigeons and Herring Gulls have adapted well but are certainly not designed for life in the City Centre. Lured in from the country and coastline by the abundance of available food sources and nesting sites these birds will readily feed on refuse, food scraps and waste matter if a more natural diet is unavailable.

The City Centre environment (traffic, poor diet etc) invariably results in deformities and health problems in urban bird populations which leads to a reduction in their lifespan.

PROTECT YOUR ENVIRONMENT DON'T FEED PIGEONS & GULLS

HEALTH RISKS

Many public health matters reported to Aberdeen City Council are associated with gulls/ pigeons and their nests.

- These birds may carry a wide number of diseases, such as salmonella and tuberculosis, which are potentially fatal to humans.
- These birds and their nests may also be home to a number of ticks, fleas and mites which can give rise to health problems.
- As well as looking unsightly their nests and droppings will accelerate the deterioration of our city buildings and statues and will clog drains and ventilation systems.

WHAT CAN I DO?

- Quite simply don't feed pigeons and gulls. A reduction in the available food supply will encourage these birds to return to their own natural food sources.
- Discourage birds from roosting/ nesting on your property.
- Always ensure that refuse is suitably contained and disposed of in a responsible manner.



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