

Request:

I am a PhD student in law currently working on a project about the regulation of seagulls (of all types) in the UK. I am focusing in particular on measures that are being taken against members of the public (for example, prohibiting them from feeding gulls).

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relating to the questions below please, for use in an academic article and in other related research outputs.

1. How many complaints did the council receive about seagulls in each of the following years – 2010 - No information, 2011 - No information, 2012 - No information, 2013 - No information, 2014 - 7, 2015 - 6, 2016 – 3
2. In each of the years referred to in Question 1: (i) what measures, if any, were taken by the council directly against seagulls (for example, egg or nest removal or installation of roof spikes) and (ii) how much did each measure cost?

The council does not undertake measures for the control of any bird species including seagulls.

3. In each of the years referred to in Question 1, what measures, if any, were taken by the council either directly against members of the public in relation to feeding seagulls (for example, anti-social behavioural measures or fines) or to deter members of the public from feeding seagulls (for example, public education, such as leaflets or street signage about bird-feeding)?

Signage was installed in 2013 at coastal car parks where the feeding of seagulls was a problem. Members of the public or residents are educated if this activity is witnessed.

4. (i) What measures, if any, have been taken by the council so far this year (up to 31 July 2017) in relation to seagulls, and (ii) how much has each measure cost?

None

5. (i) Has the council introduced any Public Space Protection Orders relating to seagulls (for example, prohibiting people from feeding seagulls within a defined area) under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014? If so, (ii) what is the specified offence relating to seagulls, and (iii) how many fixed penalty notices have been issued in relation to it since its introduction? (iv) If the council has not introduced any Public Space Protection Orders for this purpose, has it discussed and/or consulted on doing so?

No to all above



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6. (i) Has the council introduced any Public Space Protection Orders relating to the feeding of *any other birds* (for example, pigeons) under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014? (ii) If so, what is the specified offence, and (iii) how many fixed penalty notices have been issued in relation to it since its introduction?

No

7. (i) Has the council issued any Community Protection Notices under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 in relation to the feeding of seagulls or the feeding of any other birds? (ii) If so, how many such Notices have been issued, and for what specific reason (with a breakdown please – in relation to seagulls/other birds)?

No

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