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Request regarding your gull control across your council area for the last 5 years (2017-2021). I define gull control as the following:

**\*Removal of nests**

2017 – 30  
2018 – 165  
2019 – 11  
2020 – \*No gull control programme carried out due to COVID 19\*  
2021 - 260

**\*Removal of eggs**

2017 – 581  
2018 – 584  
2019 – 669  
2020 – \*No gull control programme carried out due to COVID 19\*  
2021 - 580

**\*Culling/removal of chicks**

We are authorised under license to cull chicks but, given that we start gull programmes in April and visit these sites every 21 days, chicks are not present.

2017 – 0  
2018 – 0  
2019 – 0  
2020 – \*No gull control programme carried out due to COVID 19\*  
2021 - 0

**\*Culling/removal of adult birds**

Non applicable – Service not carried out

Also please state the above actions for each gull species you carry out control for, the gull species required are as below:

**\*Herring Gulls**

No Colonies currently on our proactive gull control programme for this species

**\*Lesser Black Backed Gulls**

The colonies we target at this time are Lesser Black Back Gulls, licenced egg and nest removal

**\*Greater Black Backed Gulls**

No Colonies currently on our proactive gull control programme for this species

**\*Common Gulls**

No Colonies currently on our proactive gull control programme for this species

\*Black Headed Gulls

Licence was granted for season 2022 for gull control – egg and nest removal.

Does the local authority carry out gull control (if no please only answer questions 1 & 2)?

Yes

How many complaints does the local authority receive regarding gulls each year?

(Complaints that are recorded on our diary booking system are classed as service requests)

2017 – 59

2018 – 31

2019 – 58

2020 – 2

2021 - 11

How many licenses does the local authority apply for each year?

\*New licenses only applicable and granted season 2021/22 – 13 Granted\*

Does the local authority deploy non-lethal deterrents to deter gulls from nesting?

Yes, we deploy and install scare kite systems and audible sound systems where applicable.

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Please state the total for each year.

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2021 - 0

For each above listed gull species how many adult birds have you removed over the last 5 years? Please state the total for each year.

Nil