

East Lothian Council

EIR Ref: 2020/711483

1. What is the estimated nesting gull population, breeding pairs / nests, by species and locality in East Lothian in each of the last 5 seasons that it has been recorded?

East Lothian Council (ELC) do not record this information and do not know the total numbers of breeding pairs. Gull control undertaken in Musselburgh and Dunbar only, number of nests identified each year over the last five years have not altered greatly. Musselburgh, approximately 150 identified nests (50% Lesser Black Backed Gull, 50% Herring Gull). Dunbar, approximately 50 nests (100% Herring Gull).*

2. How many gull nests were treated, by species and locality in each year?

Exact numbers not recorded but treated as many nests as possible and accessible.*

3. What was the reach of those treatments (e.g. 60% of known nests)? Reasons for non and missed treatments.

Unknown.* Reasons for non-treatment or missed nests can range from location not safely accessible by ladder or hoist. Hoist could not be positioned correctly on the road due to parked cars / obstructions. Mechanical issues or problems with the hoist. Not enough time to complete treatments.

4. What was the effectiveness of the treatments?

Estimate that treatment is up to 70% effective.

5. The number of reports of nuisance, broken down by nature of the damage or threat, e.g. to property and to humans.

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6. The costs of treatments and manpower.

TRX Date	Debit Amount	Description
09/06/2015	600	Seagull Control
17/08/2015	100	Removal Gulls
22/09/2015	60	Seagull treatment
21/06/2016	600	Seagull Treatments
20/06/2018	1,100	Gull Control
	2,460	

7. The additional costs (indicating staff time) if possible of handling call outs (the number) and gull removals (number) or supplementary measures (number) by locality in each year.

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*Under Regulation 10(4)(a) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004, I must formally advise you that East Lothian Council has been unable to comply with your request as the information you require is not held.