



CARA Bulletin

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Local issues

- **Gulls.** Bath & North East Somerset Council (B&NES) is asking residents to share their experiences about the effect that gulls can have. B&NES is gathering evidence about the effect urban gulls can have on people as part of an application to Natural England for a licence to control gull populations in urban areas.

Natural England only issues licences to allow interference with nests and eggs in very specific situations. Applications for the licences must demonstrate that action is needed for reasons of public health or public safety.

Urban gull nests in Bath and North East Somerset were formerly treated under licence from Natural England until the council's renewed licence application was declined in 2020. Due to rural population declines, Natural England's approach to licensing last year became stricter and relatively few licences for lethal control were issued in 2020. Since then, the council has not been able to carry out further treatments.

In order to gather evidence that there is a real need for controlling gull populations in B&NES, residents are invited to submit their views at <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/form/report-gulls>

If the council is successful in securing a licence, it is hoped that treatments could begin in May. Residents will be able to book a treatment online.

For further details, please visit: <https://newsroom.bathnes.gov.uk/news/share-your-experience-how-urban-gulls-have-affected-you>

Please respond to the survey by the end of March.

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