

Your Name and Address

Current Date

Neighbour's Name and Address

Dear Neighbour [or their name]

This is a friendly note to make you aware that I am being disturbed by the birds that are being attracted to the area due to the food put out at [state address]. You may not realise it but feeding wild birds can have the following implications;

1. Feeding wild birds (including pigeons and seagulls) and squirrels can attract pests and put human health at risk from infectious diseases such as salmonella, tuberculosis, ornithosis and psittacosis which can lead to viral pneumonia.
2. Allergic reactions can also occur causing lung and skin irritation which can lead to further infections.
3. Bird droppings, nesting and other debris can contain bacteria, viruses, mites and insects which could be passed to humans and infest your flat.
4. Putting food out also attracts mice and rats which are known spreaders of disease.
5. Bird droppings accumulating on floor surfaces can also cause persons to slip and injure themselves. They can also damage buildings and vehicles if not removed and can block gutters and vents.

Seagulls, pigeons, other wild birds are not dependant on humans to feed them. Feeding birds, particularly pigeons, in an urban situation leads to overcrowding and insanitary conditions and can result in the death of nestlings through disease and aggression. You can get information on hygienic and pest-free ways to feed small garden birds from the R.S.P.B.

(see attached link: <http://www.rspb.org.uk/advice/helpingbirds/feeding/index.aspx>)

I would therefore ask if you could stop feeding pigeons at your premises, in order to stop these problems from occurring.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this face-to-face [delete this option if not appropriate].

I look forward to your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,