



Pigeons



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Introduction

The purpose of this advice note is to make Epsom and Ewell residents aware of some of the problems associated with feral pigeons. It outlines the steps that the Council are taking and offers advice to residents on how they can help to combat the problems.

Why are pigeons a problem?

- Pigeons live in close association with people and usually roost and rest within or on buildings. Pigeons tend to live in flocks and can consequently cause a problem.
- Pigeon droppings can cause a nuisance by making pavements and steps slippery, particularly in wet weather.
- Nesting material and droppings may block gutters and drains.
- The noise of pigeons in a roof space or roosting externally can be disturbing.
- Many household insect pests live naturally within nesting materials.
- Pigeons carry certain infections which can be transmitted to humans.

What is the Council doing?

- Contractors are employed by the Council to remove pigeons from certain sites where large numbers of pigeons roost.
- The Council does not provide a treatment service for privately owned buildings or sites.

What can you do?

- Do not feed the pigeons.
- Ensure that your property is in good repair and limit opportunities for nesting and roosting sites.