

PLEASE DON'T FEED THE PIGEONS

WHY ARE PIGEONS A PROBLEM?

- They cause damage
- They carry insect pests
- They leave droppings

which in turn:

- Carry disease
- Create smell
- Cause damage to buildings and paths



YOU CAN HELP BY

- Not feeding the pigeons
- Disposing of food litter properly

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE PIGEONS?

- They will find their own food naturally
- They will breed less often
- Flocks will become smaller

SO PLEASE **DON'T** FEED
THE PIGEONS. YOU WILL HELP MAKE
YOUR SURROUNDINGS A CLEANER,
HEALTHIER PLACE IN WHICH
TO LIVE AND WORK



Every year a large number of complaints from residents and businesses are received by North Tyneside Council regarding the problems caused by pigeons.

Pigeons are only attracted to an area when people put out food for them. Feeding pigeons may seem harmless, indeed some of us were encouraged to do so as children. However, people who own or live in buildings where the pigeons roost and those who have to clean up after them are not so like-minded.

Clearing up pigeon droppings is very expensive (it costs North Tyneside Council thousands of pounds per annum). Pigeon droppings also damage property, block gutters, make pavements slippery, and carry diseases which can put the health of our children and ourselves at risk. In addition they cause problems with insect pests, and food left by the pigeons can also attract rats and mice.

Pigeons are wild creatures, they are not dependant on us for food. They are natural scavengers and will find their own food source. The size of the flock is determined by the amount of food available to them so the more we feed them, the more the numbers increase. However if the food supply is reduced then the flock will also reduce. They will not die of starvation, they will simply breed less often.

So **PLEASE DON'T FEED THE PIGEONS** – your intended act of kindness will only result in an ever increasing pigeon population which will become a problem that needs to be controlled.

