

APPENDIX: OPTIONS FOR PIGEON CONTROL

METHOD	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
Reduction in food supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The size of a pigeon population is ultimately controlled by the amount of food available Most controls are already in place e.g. street cleansing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not easy to stop people feeding pigeons
Proofing of buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective in dealing with accumulations in particular areas e.g. pavements under window ledges The Council has powers to require owners / occupiers to carry out proofing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proofing can be expensive
Scare tactics and the use of natural predators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An immediate effect in clearing areas of pigeons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will only work in a very concentrated area, problems will be experienced in a spread out town such as Rayleigh Nearby areas will be suddenly swamped with pigeons Pigeons will return if not carried out regularly, which will be expensive over time RSPB does not consider this a humane method of control
Pigeon Culls - including cage trapping, use of narcotic baits and removing pigeon eggs from nests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediate reduction in pigeon population (depending on method used) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No long term reduction in pigeon population Area will be repopulated by pigeons from nearby areas within a short space of time Expensive Public opposition Difficult to trap / kill pigeons in public areas