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Dear Simon

Monday 3rd February 2020

Re: Gull Control Proposal

Thank you for allowing us to submit our quotation for the provision of Gull control services in the agreed areas at Taunton Town Centre.

The proposal which I have made are designed to meet your needs and I will call you in the next few days, to discuss this in full and answer any queries you may have. If you wish to contact me prior to this date, please do not hesitate to contact me direct on my mobile number below.

We trust this quotation meets with your approval and we await your further instructions.

Yours sincerely

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Site Overview

In recent years the Gull control has been carried out 'in-house' where nominated people have accessed the roofs to remove Gull eggs & replace with plastic eggs. In 2005, Valley Pest Control did undertake similar work for two years. It is evident that the roofs of these buildings have both seasonal & significant Gull activity which is why this service has been implemented annually.

The method of removing Gull eggs & replacing with plastic eggs is a tried & trusted method of being able to reduce Gull activity. We have seen that where this service is carried out annually over a number of years it has a dramatic effect on reducing Gull population on roofs. The biology of both Herring & Lesser Black Back Gulls means that the 'young' of these Gull species will always return to the place of their birth. Preventing eggs hatching means we are able to dramatically reduce the number of Gulls through this effective & environmentally friendly service.

The cost to businesses of having to provide an alternative solution through 'proofing' the roof, is often not a viable solution either to the cost running into thousands of pounds or the fact that they may only have a short term use for the building & could not justify this increase in expenditure.

The reduction in Gull activity on roofs will also help with the long-term maintenance & help to minimise the risk of both disruption & additional costs for the business. Gull nests & debris will often block gutters causing overflows & leakages as well as the damage to building materials through Gulls 'pecking'.

Site Proposal

Further to our observation of some of the roofs from the position at the top of the multi storey car park (see photo below), it is evident that initially we need to determine which buildings are safe to access & which ones might need additional support. Some of the buildings have unprotected edges & legally we are not allowed to work within 2 metres of this edge. Initially, we will need to undertake a 'risk assessment' of the targeted buildings before physically we can commit to any work. We will look to 'plot' a route between the relevant buildings where we can produce a site map highlighting risks as well as identifying the type of access required. Some buildings will be straightforward, with internal access onto a roof with safety rails. However, the building next to it might have internal access but no safety rails so we will need to identify if we may need a 'safety line' or the use of a 'grabber' to reach eggs within 2 metres of the edge. It may well be that we can only access this roof on certain days, or we need to be accompanied by in-house staff so this is all things we will need to consider. To save time & minimise disruption it is important that we try to find a logical route for this work.

Our two-person team will also have to carry a ladder & bags for the removal off eggs so we will need to determine where the vehicle can be left to ease their workload.

Supporting Photographic Evidence



As licensed operators it is important our work does not compromise Health & Safety in any way.

Working on roofs where you are overlooked by other people means this work is easily observed so it is essential that we follow Health & Safety guidelines at all times.

Risk Assessment Visit

Two Valley Pest Operatives to be accompanied by you or a nominated contact, to undertake an **inspection only** of the targeted areas to complete a risk assessment/site map/report.

Due to the many buildings & having no prior information we believe that we will need to allow for two full days to fact find accurately.

We will identify points of access for each building including contact names, (Keys) etc.

Any work at heights needs to be detailed accurately

Egg Removal

Two Valley Pest Operatives to undertake the removal of Gull eggs on the nominated roofs. This work will be based on the initial risk assessment.

Valley Pest reserve the right depending on the risk assessment to undertake this work **ONLY** where we believe it is safe.

The number of eggs in each nest will be replaced by the same number of plastic eggs (supplied by Somerset West and Taunton).

We will record the data of egg removal on each nest.

I propose that we are 'guided' by you on the start date as your monitoring can determine when the Gulls are starting to lay their eggs.

The proposal will be to undertake **four scheduled** egg removals/replacements starting approximately mid-May & for the final visit to be near the end of July.
Any additional visits thereafter will be provided through an ad-hoc cost depending if you need a half or full day.

The above proposal is subject to a A08 licence from Natural England that ideally needs to be applied by the middle of March to minimise any delays.

Quotation

For two operatives to undertake a Risk Assessment to cover one full day only will be only **£880.00 plus vat.**

For two operatives to undertake 4 x planned visits (every 3 weeks) to undertake egg removal to cover one full day only will be only **£3490.00 plus vat.**

Thereafter, ad-hoc charge to be **£800** plus vat (2 x people x 1 x full day) or **£400** plus vat (2 x people x 4 hours).