

FOI REF:	16349
RESPONSE SENT:	19/11/2025

Request

Please provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, covering the past five years (2019–2024) or as many years as data is available:

1. Buildings:

- Number of council-owned/managed buildings with bird netting installed.

2. Bird Deaths & Trapped Birds:

- Number of dead birds found in netting each year.
- Number of birds trapped in netting each year, broken down by species if recorded.
- How many trapped birds were dead vs rescued alive.
- For any birds found alive: what happened to them (e.g., released, taken to vet/rescue, handed to contractor, culled).

3. Inspections & Maintenance:

- How often netting is inspected, repaired or replaced. As part of annual building condition inspection, not specifically inspected standalone, repaired and replaced on a as and when required.
- How many reports of trapped birds the council receives each year.
- How often the council checks netting to ensure it is not harming birds.

4. Rationale & Alternatives:

- Reasons for using bird netting on council buildings.
- Whether alternatives were considered, and if so, which.

5. Costs:

- Annual spending on installation, maintenance, and repair of bird netting. Not known,

Please provide the information electronically (e.g., PDF, Word, or Excel).



Response

1. Estates - No specific record on sites included for bird netting only, as pigeon protection includes a variety of precautions such as spikes, avi-shocks as well as netting. A total of six buildings include netting on council owned/managed buildings but excludes any buildings that are the responsibility of tenants.

2. *Number of dead birds found in netting each year.*

Not known not recorded.

Number of birds trapped in netting each year, broken down by species if recorded.

Not known not recorded.

How many trapped birds were dead vs rescued alive.

Not known, not recorded.

For any birds found alive: what happened to them (e.g., released, taken to vet/rescue, handed to contractor, culled).

Not known, not recorded.

3. *How often netting is inspected, repaired or replaced.*

As part of annual building condition inspection, not specifically inspected standalone, repaired and replaced on a as and when required.

How many reports of trapped birds the council receives each year.

Not known, not recorded.

How often the council checks netting to ensure it is not harming birds.

Not known, not recorded.

4. *Reasons for using bird netting on council buildings.*

Specialist advice sought from external parties and a variety of solutions are used.

Whether alternatives were considered, and if so, which.

Yes, avi-shock, spikes, and netting.

5. *Annual spending on installation, maintenance, and repair of bird netting.*

Not known, not broken down.

