

### Comments Survey 1 - Canada Geese in Pavilion Gardens

1	Geese are great but there are far too many of them. They leave droppings everywhere, reduce the diversity of other wildlife and reduce the park to bare mud in the winter
2	The Canada geese should be in parks for water fowl not pleasure gardens in a town centre. They have made the gardens considerably less user friendly for families wanting to sit or play on the grass.
3	Contraceptives?
4	The Park must be safe for picnics & running barefoot, not covered in guano. Wild birds need appropriate habitats to feed & breed & not human-fed diets. It's an historic landscape, not an "open space".
5	Their numbers need to be controlled to allow the grass to grow
6	I do like having the geese in the gardens but the amount of droppings around the park is becoming a problem.
7	The Park is an important historic pleasure ground - created for people, not as a bird sanctuary. The geese make the lawns unusable for picnics and the paths a mess with s**t.
8	Far too many geese in the gardens. They discourage the tufted ducks and Manderins and other rare visitors. They should be culled or their eggs destroyed so that they cannot breed.
9	It would be nice to know what the purpose of this survey is.
10	I like them and don't want any harm. However a la large section of the green space is unusable because of the amount of bird muck.
11	Canada geese are considered vermin in Canada. Culled to control
12	Culls have happened before without a strong scientific basis, if they are to be killed it shouldn't be because people don't like them, it's different if they are causing ecological imbalance
13	People should NOT be allowed to feed the ducks or Canada geese with BREAD !!!
14	Control of wild life is essential
15	Canadian Geese have forced out a number of other species, such as the Swans over the past 4/5 years. They also leave large amounts of excrement, and have stripped large areas of grass to bare soil.
16	I love wildlife, but Canada geese are taking over the Pavilion Gardens - and covering it in unhygienic poo! It makes sense to control their numbers and encourage more of the smaller, less messy ducks.
17	It's unclear how you intend to control the number of geese in the gardens. Culling or harming in anyway should not be a method employed.
18	I love seeing the geese. I like seeing people feed them, providing that they are feeding them the correct food for their diet
19	The Canadian geese have taken over and the numbers do need to be controlled but humanely.
20	Too many geese - lake in park needs cleaning
21	There are far too many geese in Pavilion Gardens. It is is a public park, not a wildlife sanctuary. They have destroyed the grass and cause a disgusting mess. They should be culled.
22	I live in Buxton. Feeding should be allowed but more effort to providing people with places to buy seed/ more signs about not feeding bread. Pop should be regulated if they are outcompeting other bird
23	Far too many geese overpowering the other wildlife. Poo all over the pathways, I saw a child slip and put her hand in some and she was screaming in distress. Lots of Rats out in daylight! Picnics a NO
24	Regarding the feeding of the ducks - I don't mind if people feed them oats or proper duck food. Not bread. Regarding the Canada geese issue - I am not educated on the matter so I am unsure.

25	They've driven out all the swans which were beautiful and duck numbers are on decline because they're taking over.
26	Far too many Canada geese for the size of the park. The amount of mess they leave on paths - it's almost like wading through poo at times. They destroy the lawns so grass isn't regrowing in places
27	It's the number of geese without natural predators in the gardens that is an issue. In York parks they take away some of the eggs each year to control numbers.
28	I don't know a lot about how Canadian geese impact on other wildlife. Maybe control is required but I would hate to see them harmed in anyway or go completely.
29	There a large number of Geese, and they create quite a lot of foul on the park and in the lake. It would be good to have regular cleaning of areas or a slight reduction in numbers without culling.
30	Clean up the geese poop.
31	I think that over feeding the birds makes them rely on food given by humans, making the site more appealing for the birds but also makes them lazy. The amount of Canada geese that should be controlled
32	As much as I like wild birds there are too many geese and we have lost the swans!
33	There are far too many geese and they make a terrible mess in the park. They greatly outnumber other ducks etc and I definitely think the numbers should be controlled
34	The gardens are infested with rats - not feeding the geese might help with this.
35	The numbers of Canada geese are impacting other smaller species as well as making a mess of the grass so I would welcome some control of numbers.
36	Wildlife should only be interfered with for safety reasons .The park and grounds team are perfectly capable of keeping clean and put down measures to stop muddy grassed areas .
37	Canada geese are wild animals that have taken residence in Buxton. We should be honoured that they have chosen Buxton as their home not thinking about culling them!
38	There are way too many Canada geese and they shit everywhere, which is unsightly and unhygienic especially for the children running around; they need controlling.
39	You culled ducks here in the 90s and remember how that turned out? Trigger happy shooters wiped out far too many. Stop interfering with wildlife
40	Culling should be done on a regular basis if they can't be persuaded to move on
41	i feel that any and all birds should be free to use the gardens you wouldnt limit the number of visitors so why birds after all are we not meant to be encouraging nature, live beside it not against it
42	I hope this is not about whether to cull geese! If it is I am a strong NO! Why do humans feel they have to control other species?!? Live & let LIVE!!
43	I don't believe in killing any animals. If numbers need to be controlled why can't we look at humane ways of doing this. Why is the first resort to kill everything.
44	There's no grass left around the pond just mud
45	It would be hypocritical to control Canada Geese numbers yet allow our own human numbers to increase unchecked. Human beings are a far bigger scourge on the environment than geese!
46	I answered 4 on feeding birds as often see people feeding birds wrong food. It would be good to see more official signage about what to feed them. Love seeing them there though
47	Give smaller birds a chance 👍 Don't cull, move! Sell bird food That way birds get a better diet, don't overcharge... encourage!!
48	I like seeing the geese in pavilion Gardens and the ducks

49	When a Tory doesn't have any Human immigrants to blame for their failures.....
50	People have been feeding birds for years. Why take a simple cheap pleasure away from future generations
51	The candy geese are one of the main parts Of pavilion gardens and would be a shame to see them go
52	It would be a real shame if these lovely birds were removed or numbers controlled. It's one of the nice features of Buxton
53	The Canada geese are destroying the grassed areas in the Pavilion and their waste is a health hazard, a no feeding notice needs implementing with heavy fines for none compliance, they need culling
54	What is the problem?
55	It would be beneficial for the wildlife to have feeding stations for a small charge to feed instead of bread which is bad for them. The money raised could be used to maintain the parks.
56	They outdo any wildlife in the pavilion gardens they are taking over everywhere. Unruly filthy disgusting birds no where to picnic play and enjoy the gardens .
57	The amount of geese "poo" has restricted us using the park for a picnic in the summer time. Highly unpleasant to lay rugs on. In winter we don't like taking visitors due to large unsightly patches.
58	There are far too many Canadian Geese in the Pavilion Gardens and they disturb and prevent other bird life from frequenting. They should be a really strong and focused campaign to reduce their numbers
59	Wild animals should be able to choose where they live they have as much right to be there as anyone else does.
60	These creature have a right to exist alongside us. Yes they make a mess but that is nature. I see no need to control their numbers.
61	Land management immediately required. Grass is eaten away and looks awful. Poo on uncleaned pathways and lawns horrific. The Pavilion Gardens is not a natural habitat or wildlife sanctuary.
62	A small number of Canada geese would be fine, but unfortunately the numbers are so great that are taking over they have eaten large areas of the grass there droppings are over every inch of the park .
63	This problem has become so bad that it causes the paths to be extremely messed up . We had a good selection of wild birds ,once swans n ducks , now completely over run with geese .
64	Far too many Canada geese in the gardens. Some kind of re-homing needs to take place along with some method of controlling future population.
65	The geese are not the problem, people are
66	Since the increase in Canada Geese there has been a decline in ducks and other birds, we also used to have resident swans that were driven out by the geese a few years ago.
67	As a child I remember the birds in the gardens especially the swans. I don't ever remember there being so much bird mess around as there is today. The grass can't recover as a result of the amount bir
68	There are too many Canada Geese in the Pavilion Gardens. The damage they do to the grass areas of the park are making it an eye sore. I think maybe three quarters should be re-homed somewhere else.
69	Cull they are ruining the grass.I have seen before bare soil in a park due to Canada geese
70	I believe it unethical to create a space that will naturally attract wildlife and the 'control' their numbers. Humans generally create more chaos and destruction to parks and wild places that wildlife
71	The geese can be quite intimidating, you constantly have to "dodge" their "mess". We'd live to sit and have a picnic but due to the geese wandering this is impossible
72	Too many Canada geese in the park, the grass is ruined near the lakes etc. Goose poo everywhere too

73	Every year more geese and less ducks. Canada geese are migratory wild fowl and have no place in the pavilion gardens. They need to go.
74	rat control may help the muskavy (spelling?) & mallard chicks - was watching a mallard on her brood of 8 chicks being constantly attacked by 2 rats, she gave a good fight but for how long?
75	Quack Quack
76	The Pavilion Gardens is overrun with Canadian Geese . The impact on other wildlife, the parkland , footpaths and broad walk is clear to see. HPBC really need to accept this needs a plan of action .
77	This year I have noticed more geese in the gardens and noticed there are double the amount of goslings this year. There poo is everywhere and it's difficult to walk without stepping in it!
78	Too many causing damage and a slimey poonami. Should be controlled.
79	The geese are just over running the park.
80	Rather than a cull is there not a natural deterrant
81	The Geese are bullies, they contaminate the water. They feed on bread from well wishers. The area around the lake is covered in muck that encourages disease. They contaminate the lake.
82	Given so much talk on the environment, the importance of the food chain etc, we should not be trying to control or limit wildlife.
83	Lived in buxton all my life and the Canada geese do seem to be over populated in the pavilion gardens destroying the grass areas and leaving quite a mess when it use toe a lovely tidy place to sit a
84	I'm all for having the geese it's just the amount of poo all over that's the problem
85	My son And I have been bitten by the geese but this is because people feed the ducks, but we wouldn't want to stop feeding the ducks.
86	Manage the flock and clear their mess..but a cull would only create space for new geese to land and wed be bank to square one, nature abhors a vacuum
87	Why are we having this conversation, the squirrels and rats in the Pavilion need dealing with more than the Canada Geese. Grey squirrels are wiping out the native Red Squirrels.
88	Change the habitat , not kill the geese. They have a breeding island, and bowling green lawns, a lake free of vegetation. Also shooting them is not an option
89	They are lovely to see but make a beautiful park very dirty
90	Large parts of the pavilion gardens are now unusable for families due to huge amounts of goose poo. The number of geese seems to have increased since Parkwood Leisure took over - coincidence?
91	The feeding of these geese has caused the rat population to grow exponentially. They can be seen in large numbers where the feeding takes place. Feeding with bread should be banned.
92	Love feeding the geese and ducks
93	The Canadian geese completely trash the area around the lake. Get rid of them
94	It is nice to see the Canadian geese but unfortunately their numbers have increased to the point where by they dominate the park and leave a lot of mess where the children play.
95	I don't live in the High Peak but I was born in Stockport, raised in Buxton, still visit often & have family there.
96	The Canadian geese are invasive and need to be controlled, we need to look at long term options of keeping them at bay instead of the temporary impact of a cull

97	I think we should have an area around the pond where no one should go and we should put together a charity box to supply food for the geese and ducks .
98	Canada geese making a mess of pavilion gardens
99	There are too many Canada geese in the Pavilion Gardens . They make a lot of mess and they destroy the grass. Some can be a bit too eager on approaching children ! A better balance of species please.
100	The amount of geese is too high and the bird dirt everywhere is disgusting
101	The number of geese in the Pavilion Gardens is completely disproportionate. Their droppings on the Gardens' lawns and paths as well as on Broad Walk constitute a major environmental health problem.
102	It's good to see children feeding the duck but the geese can be very intimidating to young children
103	People need to be feeding actual duck/bird feed not white bread as can lead to angel wing
104	Geese are lovely but there are far too many they have messed up all lawns etc
105	I used to go to uni in Buxton
106	Both my young children love going to the pavilion gardens to look at the ducks and geese more than actually going on the park
107	It's lovely to see children feeding the ducks etc in the Pavilion Gardens but some people bring huge quantities of food which often remains on the ground attracting rats.The rats need to be dealt with
108	I think there are too many of them nowadays. Always had some but not in as big a number as now. They aren't always particularly friendly characters!
109	The gardens are no longer as enjoyable as they used to be due to the goose poo which is so much larger than the duck poo. It's very hard to even get an area of grass to sit on.
110	It's nice to have a few but they are taking over. No culling! Hopefully some form of birth control is possible?
111	Too May geese in the pavilion gardens, they've ruined the grass and the paths are covered in poo. It's no longer fun taking children to play on the grass.
112	The only issue is the waste from the birds all over paths, enough to put you off walking through the gardens.
113	There used to be plenty of ducks in the park. The geese have overtaken them. There are too many geese. I find them intimidating
114	leave them alone it nature and yes i love wild life and keen bird watcher
115	There are too many geese in the gardens and the population needs to be controlled to keep the balance right.
116	What bobble head is worried about the geese? I'm more concerned about the rats and crackheads
117	Leave wildlife as Mother Nature intended !!!
118	Please leave the geese alone, it's their space too, not just humans
119	We should not interfere with nature just because people don't like it. We are taking away natural spaces for wildlife at alarming rates, if wildlife is flourishing let's support it.
120	Too many geese that should not be fed and too much mess left on the paths we walk
121	Leave them be.
122	Any decision on whether to control the geese numbers should be based on the opinions of wildlife experts not the general public. If they are to be discouraged then people should not feed them.
123	They need shooting, they have ruined the park, poo everywhere and destroyed the grass. Bring back the swans.

124	I'm not keen on the large number so canada geese, a few wouldnt be so bad. I don't like the muscovy ducks,v aggressive. Wild bird food shud be available to buy, feeding bread etx shud be stopped.
125	I think they are wild animals and should be free to do what they please, not sure how you'd restrict them anyway?!
126	We agree that wild animals should be free to roam but the number of geese now is impacting the park. There is so much goose poo and so less and less places to play freely
127	The number of Canada geese has got out of hand I the park. A cull us required but also more rats than usual this year. In 59 years of going into the park I have never seen as many geese
128	The geese seem to dominate the ducks previous spaces. As much as I don't mind an amount, I think there should be a cull to an acceptable number
129	Love to see the Canadian geese but maybe their numbers should be controlled in some way.
130	Always at the park. Fab to see more animals free and roaming
131	People should only feed seed to birds if they are going to feed them
132	We use to have such a lovely variety of different ducks and swans in the gardens. Since the geese arrived these have dwindled or totally gone
133	I know it's natural from them to poo but it's so difficult to make your way thro it at the Argyle end of the park. And it looks such a mess
134	Pavilion gardens used to be full of beautiful swans and red squirrels when I was younger..now it's full of geese and poo everywhere! Brick back the swans!
135	Too many ducks making it unpleasant in the park due to faeces
136	Canada Geese need to be controlled.
137	Its a park not a nature reserve. Whilst its lovely to see the geese there are too many and its ruining the grass and smelly in areas.
138	The main problem is people feeding the birds, especially with a Rat problem.. I've seen reports of Dogs attacking the Geese and other birds - they should be left alone, its their habitat..
139	We are privaledged to have them
140	Please encourage as much wildlife and fauna as possible. Also, schemes to educate our children or activities will be great
141	There are far far to many geese in the gardens and the surrounding grass area is grass free and covered in bird excrement this is not a nice site and not very safe for people especially children
142	Canada geese numbers should be restricted. They can be threatening to young children especially. Youngsters enjoy feeding the birds but geese can be aggressive. They also leave a mess in the pathways.
143	There needs to be a humane control over the Canada Geese. They're making a right mess and bullying other species out. Stop people feeding the wildfowl anything other than proper seed. Plant more flowe
144	Too many geese are wrecking the pavilion gardens. There's hardly any grass left and you tread in their shit all the time. Bad for families and especially small kids.
145	Its their natural habitat, but keeping their number to a managable one would make sense to prevent them taking over.
146	I enjoy seeing the ducks in the park, but unfortunately the Canada geese are taking over and there are far too many and unlike the ducks it is hard to avoid the goose poo if you sit on the grass
147	The area around the smaller pond is looking in a poor state which I assume is caused by the Geese eating grass and depositing their waste. Looks awful.
148	Not saying get rid or them but far to many Canada geese



149	I am answering without necessary information about how / if the geese affect the rest of the bird population in the park . I have said to let them be, but feel I might be lacking relevant information
150	Lovely to see the wonderful wild life and birds in Pavilion Gardens
151	I have no problem with the geese in PG. It's worth remembering they are a protected species in the UK. And its worth remembering they were introduced to this country in the 17th century - by humans.
152	As a visitor for many years they can see they have taken over the gardens to the detriment of other wildlife and the poo everywhere is horrible. No where to sit or let the kids play. Too many of them
153	Please cull the awful geese
154	It's good to see the geese
155	As much as they are wild animals there are too many
156	Appreciate its very difficult to control but they make a mess and it must be a health hazard
157	Far to many Canada geese droppings all over every path and geese stealing food from toddlers in pushchairs don't want to get rid of all of them ,but numbers should be halved at least .
158	The park is now over run by these geese. We hardly have any ducks, we have no swans. The mess these geese make is disgusting and we are forever dodging the big piles of excrement that they leave.
159	It's more of an issue with the poop and the erosion that they cause on the grass.
160	The growing numbers over the past years is ridiculous,people over feeding them.We have no ducks because of these predators.Goose poo is everywhere,shoes and wheel chairs covered,with no grass left !!!
161	Filled in on behalf of Jacqueline Taylor (she's had strokes) but loves the geese
162	They should be in areas where there is plenty of space which is away from people/children etc.
163	The geese need managing. They are damaging the Gardens because there are too many, but the operating company are not sufficiently competent to deal with the issue....
164	We love the Canadian geese and all the other birds in the pavilion gardens it wouldn't be the same without them
165	I don't wish to harm the geese but the large numbers are doing a lot of damage to the grass and ponds, plus they make a LOT of poo.
166	I'm concerned that their numbers are too high and threaten the other species . Also the feeding of birds needs to be stopped the rat population is out of control because of this Pigeons also an issue
167	The geese make a lot of mess! Do their numbers have an impact on the sustainability of other birds/wildlife?
168	Far too many geese - turning grass into mud, defecating on paths and on grass where visitors to the town picnic and ruining a public amenity. Feeding the geese encourages rats. Who manages them?
169	I hope that the folk feeding them are feeding them appropriately.
170	Leave the wildlife alone!
171	The benefit of people of all ages having the opportunity to see wildlife so close up and interact far outweighs any perceived negative impacts.The diversity of fowl is far better now than 20 years ago
172	Re feeding, yes if feeding suitable food! Re the geese. It feels like they are now too big a population but how to control that? Not really in favour of culling.
173	Naturalised wildlife are always going to be a problem with a likelihood of over population. (a safe environment and no natural predators). There is always a risk of avian flu with high densities

174	Take them back to canda
175	Any controlling needs to be done in a way that respects animals - they are only in the park because people constantly feed them.
176	Bring in birds of prey at the right time of year and allow nature to find a balance.
177	Leave the geese and ducks natural, no need to cull or remove, you cant just decide to manipulate nature, what you need to look at is the rats
178	The number of geese are more than the park can sustain, partly due to feeding. They are destructive and reduce the biodiversity that we should be seeing in the park (eg grass with field flowers in it
179	The other wild birds do not leave their poo everywhere!
180	Geese and wild birds should be managed in public spaces. The geese have no natural predators in the park so will proliferate to the point where the park becomes an unuseable public space.
181	The geese are great
182	I dont mind seeing them but over the past few years they have pushed the ducks away from the pavilion gardens there also used to be lots of ducklings but it's rare you see any now
183	Hopefully if bird feeding is restricted the rat numbers will diminish. If notice boards give information behind the reason for not feeding then people will respond appropriately.
184	There are too many geese that now seem to have affected the numbers of other water birds, even the mallards. They make a mess on paths and grass where visitors walk or picnic. I'm not in favour a cull
185	Far too many of them - they mess up the gardens and dominate too much.
186	It's good to see people feeding the birds but only if they're feeding them the right stuff. I see too many families feeding bread instead of seed or peas
187	People like seeing the geese and enjoy feeding them but there are too many of them both in the Gardens and at Errwood. They are not wild animals but an introduced ornamental species, cull them
188	Maybe highlight how leaving bread & peanuts (for the squirrels) actually encourages & feeds the rat population rather than moaning about geese.
189	I think the situation with Canada Geese needs controlling. I believe nature should be free, but we also need to address imbalances caused by human behaviour when it is having a detrimental effect.
190	I don't want to get rid of geese completely but they need controlling as they are scaring away other wildlife as there are so many of them
191	The geese, ducks and other wild fowl and birds should be encouraged. They might make a mess that needs cleaning up but they don't make as much mess as the people that use the park. I prefer the birds.
192	It's not that I don't enjoy seeing them, it's that I don't enjoy seeing them in those numbers and along with their impact on the ornamental lake and surrounding managed park that they've colonised.
193	I feel the Canadian geese are causing a lot of damage to the grassed areas in the park and create a lot of mess and are a bit intimidating
194	The Canadian Goose is an invasive species, and have unfortunately caused a great deal of damage to the grassed areas of the Gardens. They also seem to be having a detrimental effect on other species.
195	The geese are invasive, I love animals but they've taken over the once thriving duck population
196	Grass is gradually being decimated by the geese. Visitors have to take care to avoid increasing levels of goose poo. Surely there is a humane way of controlling the number geese in the park.
197	The amount of bird poo they leave is unhealthy and they are aggressive to other bird life



198	I feel that in recent times the Canada geese are outnumbering other wildfowl and spoiling the park. They therefore need to be controlled. People who feed bread to the ducks are encouraging rats
199	This is a lovely park and the wildfowl make it even better if the odd person don't like it maybe they should move to the city
200	I like to see a range of birds in the Pavilion Gardens, including Canadian Geese. But there are too many of them. They are stopping other birds & making too much mess & destroying the grass etc
201	The correct seed should be available to buy to feed the wildlife
202	there is muck everywhere, the grass gets ruined and the lake is disgusting and dull of muck. People should not feed them, they are wild animals and should migrate as wild birds do not stay to be fed
203	Leave the wildlife alone, enough wildlife destroyed by the taking of green land to build houses !!!
204	The geese are nasty
205	Some people feed the geese and ducks with bread. You shouldn't causes stomach problems. Bird seed for ducks and geese is available. Council should feed them daily.Not expensive this would help protect
206	I use the park daily to walk. I do like seeing the Canada Geese, but I feel that recently there are far too many! Very little/no swans either! It would be nice to see some, (not all) relocated!
207	Poo and muddy spoiled grass everywhere. Can be intimidating to small children. Many more and they'll spoil the park for what it is. I don't think get rid totally but certainly reduce numbers somehow
208	I don't see what harm the Canadian geese are causing! Please leave them alone!
209	Visitors far and wide and local people love to see the Canada Geese, why can't they be left alone!
210	The geese are destroying the grass, covering everywhere in poo. Kids can't play, dogs run or people walk without getting covered in poo. Would never dream of having picnic there. Bad for visitors
211	It's good to see Canada Geese grazing and to see them flying over Buxton. If anything needs controlling it is rats as there are a lot of them. Park is well managed and good for people and wildlife.
212	Goodness me, a park without wildlife, whatever next. Fed up with moaners. We are at that park every week multiple times & it would be awful without the geese & all the other wildlife.
213	People need to get the message. WE humans are the visitors to the wild, be it parks, fields, woodlands etc.
214	Maybe they could sell healthy feed in the shop at the Pavillion
215	There is also a rat issue near the boating lake. The little walkway that takes you under the bridge is teaming with them.
216	Stop over feeding the bird population there are people feeding them every day has well has the tourists. They don't eat all the food the rats have it I have never seen so many rats in they park
217	All for having wildlife in the gardens but the numbers of Canada geese are ridiculous and that inhibits other types of birds and wildlife competing for space & resources.
218	Too many and aggressive : ( menace to children/dogs. very dominant species. muck makes a mess. shame to cull - contraceptive control like you can with rats? Rats need controlling in park!!
219	People inky allowed to feed seeds provided or boyght in pavillion gardens . Dry bread isnt good for the birds. I am against culling wildlife
220	I walk through the park around 3 times a week and love seeing all the wild fowl. Children and tourists seem to love them too.
221	Far too many geese in Pavilion Gardens, they are aggressive towards other birds and children. Feeding them encourages rats. Pathways are covered in faeces, possible health hazard and risk of slipping

222	Feeding the geese seems to be the problem. Other species are now compromised. I agree that the numbers need to be controlled somehow. Humans have caused the problem. We need to find a humane solution.
223	. The man who brings in large quantities of bread for them has rats coming to feed at same time. Tittesworth Reservoir some yyear's ago put fencing around the 2ater as they don't like to fly into it
224	I have had quite scary experiences with the geese, one bite my sons finger and then continued to chase us hissing. This has put us off visiting the park to feed the other ducks which is a real shame
225	There are a huge number of Canadian geese in the gardens and the number seems to grow higher each year, people find them intimidating as they flock in numbers to bird feeding citizens.
226	Can mankind stop wielding death over other creatures to try to manufacture a world that pleases our woefully misinformed whims please? Look at the world. We don't have a clue what we're doing.
227	We live in Fairfield and on weekends we often visit pavilion gardens to go to the park, fair etc one of the main things we love is feeding the ducks. My children love the ducks
228	The geese can be very aggressive when trying to feed the ducks!
229	The bigger problem is the high number of rats!
230	All wildlife should be respected. If you don't like the geese, don't go near them.
231	These geese do seem to have taken over the park. If there is a humane way of controlling numbers and giving smaller birds a chance that would be great
232	Remove some
233	Stop uneducated people feeding bread to wildlife
234	I lived in Buxton for years. Now in Stockport.
235	Very confusing questions! Most important- discourage people from feeding ducks with bread and other rubbish.
236	Find them other habitats nearby, they might prefer to be away from the hassle (but they like being fed!)
237	It would helpful to know the context/implication of the questions. Eg, does the presence of Canada Geese rule out other species? And if 'less' geese might be good, how might that be achieved?
238	The geese have every right to be there. They should not be moved or destroyed
239	It would be nice to see a wider variety of wildfowl and see swans encouraged Duck mess being cleaned more regularly would be nice
240	Theres a few to many ducks and the cormorant hasnt come back yhis yesr
241	I like seeing the geese but too many can be an isdue. There are a lot of places where they could be attracted to locally, eg, Goyt Valley, that might n e more appropriate for larger numbers.
242	I'm not educated on the matter of Canadian geese and their numbers but I do think that it is lovely to see people feeding the variety of ducks and birds. Maybe some signs on suitable food ie no bread
243	Leave the wildlife alone, you have no right to kill any wild animals.
244	Alot if geese for a small park less other ducks etc
245	Canada geese are part of the picture within parks like Pavilion Gardens. Why complain?? Bird pooh?? Noise?? Bullying behaviour?? As I say, it is part of the picture and a pretty picture it is too!!
246	I do like the geese but there are just too many. They make a mess of the grass which struggles to grow and poo all over the paths.
247	They need to be culled. Unfortunately they have been allowed to breed and take over. Cull, then in future destroy the eggs.

248	The geese are beautiful birds and should be allowed to continue living in the Gardens unmolested. The campaign to control them is deeply disturbing.
249	previous resident I visit weekly to see kids, I no longer see anything other than C. geese in the gardens and tho wild & free they are not native & should not be encouraged to stay with feeding
250	Leave the birds alone!!!
251	Geese are wild birds and should be able to live where they feel comfortable, there are still other ducks on the lakes. I think there are much bigger things happening that people need to focus on
252	Although I dislike the feeding of birds, it's because most people use inappropriate food, such as bread. Canada Geese make a dreadful mess which is inappropriate in an area used for recreation
253	Wild life will automatically go to where food is plentiful. Their habitats have been destroyed by us such as Lightwood reservoir being drained. So humans created the problems but solving them inhuman.
254	I love wildlife but the geese can be aggressive and poo everywhere.
255	The poo left by the geese everywhere on the grass is a serious health hazard especially for small children. Not possible to play ball or sit on the grass (what's left of it) without hands touching it.
256	Are they edible?
257	Leave the geese alone
258	The faeces everywhere from the geese is very unattractive and limits usage of the green spaces.
259	This is the most ridiculous survey I've done so far. They are wild animal and should be allowed to roam free. Don't cull them, we all know how badly that went last time..... swan gate!! Just leave it be
260	Real problem is not the geese but the mess they make on the footpaths and making the grassed area by the fountain a mud bath.
261	The number of geece has escalated hugely. It means that some grass areas are now just mud and bird poo. Would be nice to have a walk around the pavilion gardens and see grass and not get poo on my fe
262	The geese are clearly a nuisance, droppings all over the lawns etc, but i would only support humane measures to control them, possibly including breeding control. Are they dependent on being fed?
263	I like the geese but there are too many of them. I don't like the mess they make of there paths, grass and pond, especially in winter and would like to see a more diverse range of wildfowl in the park
264	Canada geese have gotten completely out of control in the gardens. They should be culled down to manageable numbers. They're not a protected species and in my opinion are as bad a rats.
265	They ruin the grass and perhaps limit the broods of the mallards and mandarins.
266	I can't see what harm the geese are causing. The only mildly unpleasant factor is the amount of goose poo on paths and grass, which is not ideal with a toddler. We love seeing the birds in the park!
267	There used to be more Muscovy ducks in the gardens. The coots and Swans have disappeared. The Canada geese are having a detrimental impact on the gardens wildlife and on the grass
268	Here we go again. I remember the awful mass slaughter of ducks in the gardens. Awful
269	Feeding of Canada Geese should be discouraged. They save the council money by "mowing" the grass. There should be more wildflowers and natural vegetation in the park. It is too "manicured".
270	I cant see any obvious problems. People and birds seem to be getting along fine. Seems to be plenty of room for all.
271	Canada Geese have been here hundreds of years.

272	If people were banned from feeding the wildfowl there would be less geese and rats.. the mallards would move but will return.. don't cull any of them.. just stop the public from feeding them
273	No culling for the geese in the Pavillion Gardens
274	They do make a mess but I believe that their pecking the grass aerates it and this is why the daisies are so prolific. I do worry that their numbers dominate at the expense of other types of waterfowl
275	They're nice but they do take over a bit
276	Controlling the numbers of a particular species is of course a tricky issue. There do seem to be an increasing number of Canads geese and this may adversely affect the biodiversity of our park.
277	Wildlife should be left to rest and breed on their journeys, and should only be fed the correct type of food by qualified park staff maybe twice a day.
278	Educate people about feeding the birds food that is safe for them to eat. Then let nature be nature.
279	The Number 9f Canadian geese has grown greatly and something needs to be done. I don't knkw what the solution is though
280	Would like to see the park managed to include more areas with wild flowers and more varied biodiversity
281	It would be good to see Pavilion Gardens managed for far greater biodiversity. The geese are overly dominant and much more could be done to encourage a wider range of wildlife. Less mowing for a start
282	While the geese can be quite greedy and aggressive, I don't see how their numbers can humanely and morally be controlled, nor do I think we have the right to do so for our own pleasure and opinions.
283	Would like more info on how the geese would be controlled. In the distant past the ducks used to be culled
284	Please can we bring some swna back to the Pavilion Gardens
285	The Canada geese have been in the Pavilion Gardens for as long as I can remember and thats a very long time if people don't like them or are afraid maybe they should walk somewhere different Ashwood
286	Canada Geese are not a native species and because they have no natural predators they are out of control as a species. They have driven away other wildfowl. The birds should not be fed with bread.
287	If people would only stop feeding them there wouldn't be so many and they would eventually "unlearn" that humans are to be trusted and st bread is extremely bad for theh
288	Unfortunately they turn the grass to mud and defecate 1kg per day. The ponds are suffering and they need to be removed and let the equilibrium with ducks return.
289	The geese cause havoc and the mess they make is awful!
290	The Canada Geese can be fairly aggressive towards the other birds and also to members of the public. My children have both been pecked by them.
291	I feel strongly the geese should be controlled and I think that probably means total removal if that's possible. stopping people feeding the birds would be ideal but very difficult to enforce.
292	Too many geese now and it's scary at times passing them. Too much duck excrement also. Used to be minimal now you can't sit/ walk on grass without treading on it
293	We need to encourage wildlife not discourage it.
294	The geese have wrecked the grass around the lake. They should be culled either by feeding them contraceptive food or by braking the eggs. The only good thing is that they keep the duck numbers dow
295	If I don't put bird food out in my garden then the birds stop coming. The geese aren't just there for the water! Any problems at the gardens will be down to the birds knowing where there's a easy meal

296	nature should not be treated as a commodity whereby numbers are selectively managed just to satisfy someone's ideal , people May favour one species over another based on their own aesthetic values
297	I'm not sure what the problem is tbh. It's not like they're here for long
298	They make one hell of a mess everywhere and can be very intimidating especially to young children
299	Avian flu risk of transmission to humans particularly children when feeding birds. Geese are large animals. that pollute the paths and water and destroy the grass. Nice but just too many.
300	There is way too many Canada Geese, and they are destroying habitats for other birds such as the Muscovy's. PS can we have some swans back they are well nice.
301	The geese are aggressive towards members of the public. It isn't an enjoyable experience feeding the ducks down at the pavilion gardens anymore because they are so nasty and untrustworthy by biting.
302	Probably Canada geese numbers need to be controlled to encourage other wildfowl in the park
303	Unhygienic the amount of muck from them , soon to moan if its dog muck
304	There is a huge problem with the mess the geese leave behind - The Broadwalk is lovely at the moment but as the summer wears on, it becomes more and more polluted
305	They are only here seasonally, and seeing as there isnt any swans there any more leave them be
306	The Geese are part of the gardens, leave them be.
307	The geese cause a lot of mess in the gardens which make it unusable and unsafe for children on the grass areas.
308	Your survey is too limited. Yes should allowed to be in open spaces - but wild open spaces not cultivated gardens. What people do not like is the amount of fouling on both grass and path. Poor survey
309	I would be interested in knowing by what method the numbers could be reduced. Thank you for looking into this.
310	Far too many geese now and make such a mess. Can't sit on grass and paths full of mainly geese poo and can be the size of dog poo! Years ago was mainly just ducks, but the geese are out of control now.
311	They're very aggressive when they have young
312	It would be nice to see a more diverse range of birds, particularly swans
313	The geese have become a health hazard with droppings everywhere
314	Population control by professionals taking into account the welfare of existing birds is essential. They have really affected the user experience of the park in recent years.
315	I was surprised how many geese have settled in the pavilion gardens, a few is ok but they now outnumber the ducks and they are messy and can be aggressive
316	Step-over fences could be tried. Geese prefer to walk when they're on dry land,
317	Pointless survey the geese have been here longer than half the people and live all in the govt valley its lovely hear and see them with there goslings
318	These geese are ruining our historic park with their droppings and are a hazard to the health of small children
319	Theres absolutely nothing wrong with the geese. We love feeding them!
320	No idea how you COULD control numbers, however.
321	Canada Geese are not legally classed as an Invasive Non-native Species and are protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act. The recent attacks on wildlife in Buxton are disgusting and shameful.



322	It's nice to see them but there are far too many and turn the grassed areas into mud baths when the grass isn't growing. There numbers should be regulated.
323	I've never encountered any issues with the geese. It's right that children should be able to see and feed them. Yes, they can come up and expect food. But they are not vicious and are not a problem.
324	Pavilion Gardens could do a lot more to encourage wildlife. Quite a lot of it is maintained as lawn, and a portion could be given over to a wildlife garden
325	Do Canada geese impact on the other birds? If so, I was unaware of that. People like feeding the birds but bread isn't good for them. Could the kiosk sell seeds?
326	My daughter loves feeding the birds but gets overwhelmed by the number of geese. The paths are disgusting and the grass covered in poo. The boating lake is especially bad.
327	I do feel that they are wild and should be free to roam, but they are taking over and their poo is everywhere. If keeping their levels down would encourage other wildlife that would be a good thing.
328	There are far too many Canada geese, they should be taken to somewhere like Carsington or Tittesworth.
329	The numbers of geese have increased to such an extent they have turned the grass to mud. The number of ducklings has gone down and the Muscovy ducks have almost disappeared
330	I think the geese are features and some tourists come to see them. Not sure whether feeding encourages rats or not.
331	My only issue with the Canada Geese is they mess everywhere leaving it virtually impossible to enjoy a picnic on the grass in most of the gardens
332	They are attractive lovely intelligent birds, but they do make lots of mess. Can their numbers be controlled? I would be reluctant to ban feeding them. It was bad enough when cycling was banned.
333	The geese damage the grass, makes paths and grass very unattractive as there is so much soiling by such a large number of birds. Could we reduce the number by removing some eggs each spring?
334	All the birds are great to watch. But, there are a lot of geese and they do make a mess, not just their poo but they also crop the grass short making some areas muddy. I support controlling numbers
335	It's nice to have geese in the Gardens but there are far too many. This causes the grass to be destroyed and mess everywhere. A controlled reduction in numbers is needed. For example by egg collection.
336	If you are suggesting 'controlling' the numbers, how do you suggest this will happen? Aren't they protected? They have just as much right to be there as everyone else Don't tempt them & they're fine
337	Love the geese
338	Should be more concerned about who keeps killing the animals in the park. It was only a couple of weeks ago that I saw a dead duck and squirrel sleeping dead next to each other.
339	The numbers of Canada Geese means that bird poo is horrendous in the Pavilion Gardens. It really detracts from what should be a great place for families to go and spend time but instead it's bird poo
340	Their numbers are too large for the park. They make an awful mess
341	<a href="https://goaskalice.columbia.edu/answered-questions/geese-feces-health-risks/">https://goaskalice.columbia.edu/answered-questions/geese-feces-health-risks/</a> Apparently Canada geese can poo up to 2lb each a day! Health risk - picnics, children playing, dogs who eat it.
342	There is too much interference in nature by humans. The geese will find somewhere else if it is overcrowded. Concentrate on sorting out the problems with youths drug dealing and using drugs in the park
343	The geese are ruining the park. For many many years we have spent our summers in pavilion gardens but since there has been so many we struggle to now the grassy areas and paths are foul
344	The geese leave poo everywhere that isn't cleaned up. The pond is covered in a layer of poo scum. The geese are also quite aggressive to children when feeding them.



345	Just let the birds be birds
346	There are to many Geese to be sustainable and they are crowding out the other wild life.
347	All the duck population in the Pav Gdns should be controlled
348	The geese are making a mess of the grass areas, making it hard to have picnics and play games on them. They are noisy all hours of the day and night and their mess is clouding the water
349	We go to the gardens to see the ducks gees sqirels every day lots of people old and young come regulay each day to see and feed the wild life
350	I feel as though the numbers of Canadian geese in the pavilion gardens should be controlled; they are making such a mess on the grass; it is now nonexistent in some areas and scaring the ducks away.
351	To many geese. Footpaths covered in goose poo. Makes it difficult to enjoy pavilion gardens as your always looking where to walk.
352	I live on Broad Walk
353	I like to see people feed the birds but it should be with the correct seeds and not with bread. Seeds should be available to purchase cheaply to promote and educate about correct feeding of wildfowl
354	If people want less geese in the park then they should stop feeding the birds as this is probably one of the main things that attracts them to the area in such large numbers
355	Geese are wild and should be free to live anywhere! A good comparison would be the University of York - they have a HUGE wild population and you could compare how they treat geese around students