

ADLER - BIRD FREE GEL CASE STUDY



Glasgow City Chambers, 2-4 June 2014.

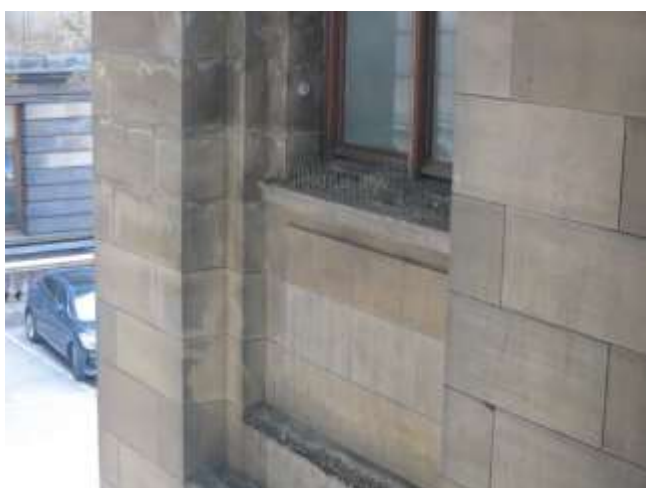
Completed in 1889, Glasgow City Chambers is an eminent example of Victorian civic architecture with many ornate features. The sheltered nature of the north-west corner of the inner courtyard makes it an ideal habitat for pigeons. The installation site is enclosed on three sides, with a recessed alcove in the north elevation. Previous attempts to eradicate the pigeon infestation had all been unsuccessful



Pigeon eggs were observed on the balconies at the first floor of the north elevation (above left), and on second floor ledges on the south elevation (above). Eggs were also observed among spikes fixed to the west elevation (left). These spikes were removed before treatment as they were clearly ineffective.



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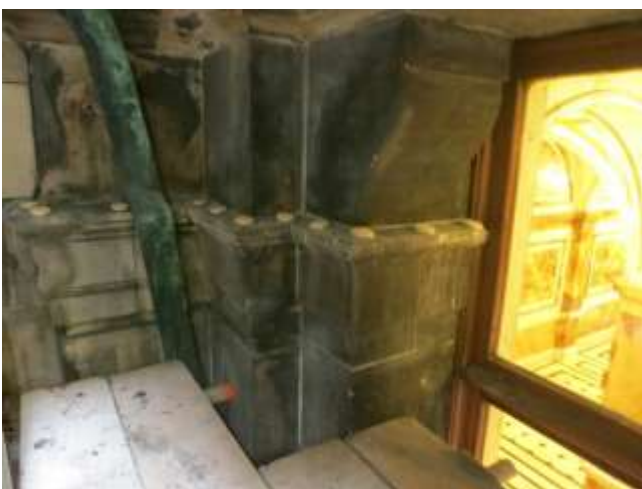


The parapets of the balconies and higher ledges were being used as day roosts by the nesting pairs.

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Scaffolding having been erected, all the ledges at the top level of the scaffolding (level 5) were treated with *Bird Free*. Roosting spots on the ornate stonework were also treated, as were the ledges above the stonework (above right). The wide ledge level with the scaffolding to the south was treated with three rows of dishes, as eggs had been observed there.



At level 3, the balustrade and floor of the balcony inside the recess to the north were treated with Bird Free. (The floors of the balconies were nesting sites, so the dishes were fixed at 250mm centre to centre.)

At level 4, all ledges were treated. All spikes on the south ledges were removed and treated.

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The photos below were taken after the scaffolding was removed. The dishes of Bird Free Gel are invisible from below.



On 11 September 2014, three months after installation, Scott Dickson of Access, a dedicated company that provides specialist property services to Glasgow City Council, commented:

“The pigeon infestation in the north-west corner of the City Chambers’ courtyard had been severe for some time, and previous attempts to eradicate it using nets and spikes had not been successful. Since Bird Free was applied to this area the pigeons have not returned. We are very pleased with the results.

On 15 November 2017, Scott Dickson further commented:

“We are very happy with results. I can confirm that Bird Free remains effective, more than three years after installation.”