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COVER Gulls gathering to forage at a waste tip. Since the tips may be infested with *E.coli*, *Salmonella* and *Campylobacter*, these pathogens may subsequently be transferred to humans by direct dermal contact or inhalation of airborne infected material from the birds. Photograph courtesy Dr. P.N. Ferns. (See article on page 28).