

# Appendix A.8.25

## Bat Derogation Licence & Application

### Part 1 - 2024 Licence

### Part 2 - 2025 Application

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**Licence No.: DER/BAT 2024 – 96**

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (BIRDS AND NATURAL HABITATS) REGULATIONS,  
2011 (S.I. No 477 of 2011)**

**DEROGATION LICENCE**

Granted under Regulation 54 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011, hereinafter referred to as “the Habitats Regulations”.

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Regulation 54 of the Habitats Regulations hereby grants to **Sean Devaney, Galway National Roads Project Office, City Hall, College Road, Co. Galway H91 X4K8** supervised by **Daniel Connell of Scott Cawley Ltd, College House, 71-73 Rock Road, Blackrock, Co. Dublin A94 F9X9**, a licence. It is stated that:

**(A)** In the interests of public health and public safety, or for other imperative reasons of overriding public interest, including those of a social or economic nature and beneficial consequences of primary importance for the environment.

**(B)** There is no satisfactory alternative, and the action authorised by this licence will not be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of **bats** referred to below at a favourable conservation status in their natural range.

The licence is issued in respect of the following **bat species**:

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| • <b>lesser horseshoe bat</b> | <b>Rhinolophus hipposideros</b>  |
| • <b>natterer's bat</b>       | <b>Myotis nattereri</b>          |
| • <b>common pipistrelle</b>   | <b>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</b> |
| • <b>soprano pipistrelle</b>  | <b>Pipistrellus pygmaeus</b>     |
| • <b>leisler's bat</b>        | <b>Nycatalus leisler</b>         |
| • <b>daubenton's bat</b>      | <b>Myotis daubentonii</b>        |
| • <b>brown long-eared bat</b> | <b>Plecotus auritus</b>          |
| • <b>whiskered bat</b>        | <b>Myotis mystacinus</b>         |

This licence authorises the following:

- (a) Roost disturbance;
- (b) Actions authorised within the licence

**This licence is subject to the terms and conditions set out overleaf.**

## Terms and Conditions

1. This licence is granted solely to allow the activities specified in connection with the **construction works as part of the development of the N6 Galway Ring Road** located at **Galway City and surrounding townlands, Co. Galway**, for **Sean Devaney**.
2. All activities authorised by this licence, and all equipment used in connection herewith, shall be carried out, constructed and maintained (as the case may be) so as to avoid unnecessary injury or distress to any species of **BAT**.
3. This licence may be modified or revoked, for stated reasons, at any time.
4. The mitigation measures outlined in the application report (**N6 Galway City Ring Road Bat Derogation Licence Application, pgs.93-114**), together with any changes or clarification agreed in correspondence between NPWS and the agent or applicant, are to be carried out. Strict adherence must be paid to all the proposed measures in the application.
5. The actions which this licence authorise shall be completed between the **10<sup>th</sup> April 2024** and **31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**.
6. The works will be supervised by bat ecologist **Daniel Connell**.
7. If this licence addresses works that are subject of a planning application, no such works permitted under this licence can occur until planning permission is granted.
8. If this licence expires prior to works permitted under this licence commencing, a new application must be sought in advance, including the provision of any updated data or reports.
9. This licence shall be produced for inspection on a request being made on that behalf by a member of An Garda Síochána or an authorised NPWS officer appointed under Regulation 4 of the Habitats Regulations.
10. The local National Parks and Wildlife Service field officer **Laura Connolly**, [Laura.Connolly@npws.gov.ie](mailto:Laura.Connolly@npws.gov.ie) , **+353 15393273** should be contacted prior to the commencement of any activity, and if bats are detected on site during the course of the work, under the terms of this licence.

11. On completion of the activities authorised by this licence, a report must be submitted to [Wildlife.reports@NPWS.gov.ie](mailto:Wildlife.reports@NPWS.gov.ie) detailing results of works and success of mitigation within four weeks of the expiry date of this licence.

12. On completion of the actions which this licence authorises, all recordings of bat species affected will be made using the standardised data form provided below and must be submitted to the NPWS within four weeks of the expiry date of this licence. Included with the below returns form, a report will also be submitted to [Wildlife.reports@NPWS.gov.ie](mailto:Wildlife.reports@NPWS.gov.ie) detailing results of works and success of mitigation. Both documents must be submitted to constitute a licence return.



**Claire Crowley**

(a person authorised by the Minister to sign on his behalf)

**10/04/2024**

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**NOTES (1 to 2).**

- This licence is granted for the period specified and subject to compliance with the conditions specified. Anything done other than in accordance with the terms of this licence may constitute an offence.
- This licence applies to **bats** and to no other species.



**An Roinn Tithíochta,  
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta**  
Department of Housing,  
Local Government and Heritage

## Article 16 (Habitats Directive) - Returns Form

This returns form is for use in respect of:

***Regulation 54 – Derogation Licence to protect wild fauna and conserving natural habitats***

**Licence Number:**

**Licence Year:**

**Licence Holder:**

Species (English & Latin)	No. of Individuals Affected	No. of Breeding Places	No. of Resting Places

**Licence Holder Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Returns must be emailed to the following email address:**

**[wildlife.reports@npws.gov.ie](mailto:wildlife.reports@npws.gov.ie)**