



An Roinn Tithíochta,
Rialtas Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage

Licence No.: DER/BAT 2023-12 (survey licence)

**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”.

Licence

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 **Katie Pender**, of [REDACTED] **Ballinasloe, Co. Galway** [REDACTED] a licence in respect of **Bat Species**. It is stated this licence is issued:

(A) In the interests of protecting wild flora and fauna and conserving natural habitats.

(B) As 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.

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 examination of potential bat roosts, including **all bat species and all roost types**, as necessary in order to undertake environmental impact assessments for property owners or developers or scientific study within the Republic of Ireland.
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 actions to which this licence authorises shall be completed between the **26th January 2023** and the **26th January 2024**.
5. The **Bat Roost Survey Protocol** as set out in the accompanying licence application must be adhered to ensure minimisation of disturbance to bats:

Bat Roost Survey Protocol to ensure minimisation of disturbance to bats

For unknown roosts

- a. Check with owner/client re presence of bats.
- b. Check with Bat Conservation Ireland to determine roost records.
- c. Survey for external signs of bats and roost entry points. If positive signs then treat as known /suspected roost.
- d. Entry to possible roost should be made cautiously especially if survey is carried out in the winter period when signs of bats may be difficult to find. Should signs of bats be noted then treat as a known/suspected roost.

For known/suspected roosts

- a. Generic measures to include:
 - i. Avoid using roost illumination apart from torches.
 - ii. Talking in low tone is preferred to whispering.
 - iii. Bats seen in situ should be counted where possible and then left alone.
 - iv. Handling of bats to confirm identification is only used as a last resort and is subject to separate licencing under the Wildlife Acts (S.23).
 - v. Samples of droppings, dead bats etc may be removed to facilitate species identification.
 - vi. Care to be taken to avoid cooling or warming effects as described below.
- b. During potential hibernation season (November-March), only one person should enter roost area. If any hibernating bats are seen to be showing signs of waking then the roost survey will be abandoned immediately.

- c. During the breeding season, known breeding roosts should be avoided unless emergency work is required. This will usually be the subject of a separate derogation licence.
6. 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.
7. The local NPWS District Conservation Officer or Conservation Ranger must be contacted prior to the commencement of any activity under the terms of this licence.
8. Upon expiry of licence, a report must be submitted to wildlife.reports@npws.gov.ie and wildlifelicence@npws.gov.ie detailing all surveys carried out under remit of licence with details including, bat species, number encountered, location, etc. Bat survey licence will not be renewed unless this report is received.

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

26/01/2023

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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.