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**Derogation Number:
3D-DER-BAT-2025-38**

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

DEROGATION

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 & Heritage, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Regulation 54 of the Habitats Regulations hereby grants to **Declan Galligan** of **Cornaslieve, Virginia, County Cavan** a derogation. It is stated that this derogation is issued:

- 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 derogation 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 derogation authorises the following:

1. Roost disturbance
2. Actions authorised within the derogation

The derogation in respect of the following **Bat Species**:

- **Soprano Pipistrelle** **Pipistrellus Pygameus**



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Terms and Conditions

1. This derogation is granted solely to allow the activities specified in connection with domestic dwelling of **Declan Galligan of Cornaslieve, Virginia, County Cavan**
2. All activities authorised by this derogation, 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**. Anything done other than in accordance with the terms of this derogation may constitute an offence.
3. This derogation may be modified or revoked, for stated reasons, at any time.
4. The actions which this derogation authorise shall be completed **outside of the maternity season** between **March 10th – May 1st or October 1st – 31st December 2025**.
5. As the bats are used to a well heated roost, recommended replacement would be a single heated bat box along the design of the maternity box provided on the NHBS webpage:
[https://www.nhbs.com/4?q=&hPP=60&idx=titles&p=0&fR\[doc_s\]\[0\]=false&fR\[hide\]\[0\]=false&fR\[live\]\[0\]=true&fR\[shops.id\]\[0\]=4&hFR\[subjects_equipment.lv1\]\[0\]=Bat%20Boxes%20%3E%20Heated%20Bat%20Boxes](https://www.nhbs.com/4?q=&hPP=60&idx=titles&p=0&fR[doc_s][0]=false&fR[hide][0]=false&fR[live][0]=true&fR[shops.id][0]=4&hFR[subjects_equipment.lv1][0]=Bat%20Boxes%20%3E%20Heated%20Bat%20Boxes) This can be mounted on an external wall of the garage where the lead could be plugged internally.
6. One or two pole mounted large colony boxes as per the following:
<https://www.nhbs.com/pole-mounted-large-colony-bat-box> to be mounted in the garden away from the house and garage 3. One or two Woodcrete bat boxes as per the Schwegler 2FS bat box model: <https://www.nhbs.com/pole-mounted-large-colony-bat-box> to be mounted on a south facing surface wall or tree. **Note: this design has proven to be very successful for bats of the species in this location but will require annual maintenance (clearing droppings once bats have vacated).**
7. The works will be supervised by an NPWS field officer or a licensed bat specialist, if the same NPWS officer deems it appropriate.
8. The site must be checked before work commences to ensure bats have left. Where bats are thought to still be on site, appropriate action should be taken to exclude bats before any subsequent works are carried out on residential property.
9. This derogation 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 **NPWS Conservation Ranger**, christopher.liu@npws.gov.ie, 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 derogation.
11. On completion of the actions which this derogation authorises, all recordings of bats affected will be made using the standardised data form provided below and must be submitted to the NPWS at wildlife.reports@npws.gov.ie **within four weeks of the expiry date of this derogation.**



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For the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage

Claire Bowley

(an officer authorised by the Minister to sign on his behalf)

10 March 2025

Any query in relation to this derogation should be sent to reg54derogations@npws.gov.ie





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Article 16 (Habitats Directive) - Returns Form

This returns form is for use in respect of:

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

1st January to 31st December 2025, inclusive

Derogation Number: 3D-DER-BAT-2025-38

Derogation Holder: Declan Galligan

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

Derogation Holder Signature: _____ Date:

Returns must be emailed to the following email address:

wildlife.reports@npws.gov.ie