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National Parks and Wildlife
Service

Licence No.: DER-BAT-2025-01

**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 **Melanie McQuade, Westmeath County Council, Áras an Chontae, Mullingar, County Westmeath, N91 FH4N**, 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**:

- **Myotis daubentonii**
- **Plecotus auritus**

This licence authorises the following:

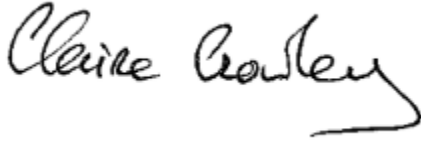
- (a) Roost disturbance;
- (b) Actions authorised within the licence

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 **works** located at **Castlelost Church, County Westmeath**, for **Melanie McQuade (Westmeath County Council)**.
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 (**Bat and Bird Survey of Castlelost Church**), 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 **1st January 2025** and **30th April 2025**.
6. The works will be supervised by bat ecologist **Donna Mullen**
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. The retention of the 30 crevices where the bats are roosting plus an additional 30 crevices must be adhered to.
10. 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.
11. The local National Parks and Wildlife Service field officer **Conservation Ranger**, Damian.Murtagh@npws.gov.ie, must 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.
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 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)

12 September 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.



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