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Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage

Application for Derogation Licence

Under the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 – 2021

Prepared by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

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- This form is to be used by any person applying for a derogation licence under Regulation 54 or by the Minister under Regulation 54(A)
- Please ensure that you answer questions fully in order to avoid delays
- If you experience any problems filling in this form, please contact the Wildlife Licensing Unit;
- Please note – applications/reports received and licences issued under this derogation may be published on the NPWS website and/or the Department's Open Data website

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Part A. The Applicant: Personal Details

These questions relate to the person responsible for any proposed works and who will be the **named licensee**. As the licensee you will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the licence and its conditions, even though you may employ another person to act on your behalf.

If this application is being submitted on behalf of a third party please also complete Part B below.

1. (a) Name of Applicant

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr)	Forename(s)	Surname
Ms	Victoria	Knight
(b) Address Line 1	11	
Address Line 2	Sherrycove	
Town	Courtmacsherry	
County	Cork	
Eircode	P72 CH66	
(c) Contact number	+353 892 253 970	
(d) Email address	vicky.knight@vwt.org.uk	
(e) Address where works are to be carried out if different from (b) above.		
Address Line 1	There are several different locations provided in the Appendix 1	
Address Line 2		
Town		
County		
Eircode		

Part B. Details of Person Submitting Application on Behalf of Applicant/Licensee

Information relating to the person (e.g. ecologist) responsible for submitting the application on behalf of the applicant/licensee should be entered below:

1. (a) Name of Person/Ecologist

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr)	Forename(s)	Surname
(b) Company Name		
Address Line 1		
Address Line 2		
Town		
County		
Eircode		
(c) Contact number		
(d) Email address		
(e) Relationship to Applicant		

Part C. The Application

1. **Species of Animal:** Please indicate which species is affected by the proposed works:

- Bat
- Otter
- Kerry Slug
- Natterjack Toad
- Dolphin
- Whale
- Turtle
- Porpoise

2. Please detail the exact species (scientific name): Lesser horseshoe bat, *Rhinolophus hipposideros*

3. Please provide the maximum number of individuals affected* 500

4. Please provide the maximum number of breeding or resting sites affected* 12

5. Please provide the maximum number of eggs to be taken* 0

6. Please provide the maximum number of eggs to be destroyed* 0

*If no figures can be provided for the maximum number of individuals, breeding sites, resting places and eggs to be covered by the derogation please provide reasons why.

7. **Species of Plant:** Please indicate which species is affected by the proposed works:

- Killarney Fern
- Slender Naiad
- Marsh Saxifrage

8. If you previously received a derogation for any species of animal or plant please state licence number and confirm that you have made a return to NPWS on the numbers actually affected by that licence

9. Proposed Dates for Works: Please indicate the timeframe that you propose to carry out works. Dates set by NPWS may differ from dates proposed here.

Start	Jan 2025	Date:
End	Dec 2025	Date:

10. Please tick which reason below explains How this Application Qualifies under Regulation 54(2)(A-E) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations:

a.	In the interests of protecting wild flora and fauna and conserving natural habitats	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b.	To prevent serious damage, in particular to crops, livestock, forests, fisheries and water and other types of property	<input type="checkbox"/>
c.	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	<input type="checkbox"/>
d.	For the purpose of research and education, of re-populating and re-introducing these species and for the breeding operations necessary for these purposes, including artificial propagation of plants	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e.	To allow, under strictly supervised conditions, on a selective basis and to a limited extent, the taking or keeping of certain specimens of the species to the extent specified therein, which are referred to in the First Schedule	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. Report Checklist: Please append a detailed report to support this application and ensure that it contains the following information:

11.1	Explanation as to why the derogation licence sought is the only available option for works and no suitable alternative exists as per Regulation 54 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11.2	Evidence that actions permitted by a derogation licence will not be detrimental to the maintenance of the populations of the species to which the Habitats Directive relates at a favourable conservation status in their natural range as is required under Section 54(2) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11.3	Details of any mitigation measures planned for the species affected by the derogation at the location, along with evidence that such mitigation has been successful elsewhere.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11.4	As much information as possible to allow a decision to be made on this application.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Please see Appendix 2 for a detailed report

Part D. Declaration

I declare that all of the foregoing particulars are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct. I understand that the deliberate killing, injuring, capturing or disturbing of protected species, or damage or destruction of their breeding sites or resting places or the deliberate taking or destroying of eggs is an offence without a licence and that it is a legal requirement to comply with the conditions of any licence I may be granted following this application. I understand that NPWS may visit to check compliance with a licence.

Please note that under Regulation 5 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011-2021 an authorised officer may enter and inspect any land or premises for the purposes of performing any of his or her functions under these Regulations or for obtaining any information which he or she may require for such purposes.

Signature of the Applicant



Date 17/10/2024

**Name in BLOCK
LETTERS**

VICTORIA KNIGHT

PRIVACY STATEMENT

Please note that under Data Protection legislation, Wildlife Licencing Unit staff may only discuss licence applications with the applicant and not with any third party. See Privacy Statement at www.npws.ie/licences

Appendix 1

Locations

- 538; Askive Wood, Derryquin, Sneem, Kerry; V712 657
- 435; Caher East, Kenmare, Kerry; V965 729
- 522; William King, Caher, Kilgarvan, Kerry; W035 741
- 365; Cow Ridge, Drombohilly, Tousist, Kenmare, Kerry; V778 620
- 472; Releagh Bridge, Bonane, Kenmare, Kerry; V924 628
- 615; Red River, Shronahiree More, Glencar, Kerry; V731 807
- 800; Derreen Bridge Cottage, Waterville, Kerry; V606 760
- 860; Gullaba Barn, Kilgarvan, Kerry; W00593 69405
- 668; Towerhill Cottage, Carrownagreggaun, Ballyglass, Mayo; M202 755
- 13; Walshes, Rylane, Tulla, Clare; R434 832
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- 669; Curraghmore, Ballinrobe, Mayo; M144 645
- 216; Fiddaun, Tubber, Galway; R400 953

Appendix 2

Detailed report

This derogation license is sought because surveying bat roosts is essential to monitoring population changes. If declines are observed, quick action can be taken to investigate the cause and determine

what can be done to halt further declines. The only alternative to carrying out these surveys is to do nothing, which could result in unnoticed population decreases and a reduced time to react before the population disappears.

I require this licence as part of my work with The Vincent Wildlife Trust. This work involves routine checks of the 12 lesser horseshoe bat reserves (listed in Appendix 1), owned or leased by the Trust, for signs of disturbance, predation, or deterioration. Additionally, I will conduct summer emergence counts and winter population counts for the National Bat Monitoring Programme. Winter counts will occur in our southern roosts where lesser horseshoe bats over winter due to the mild climate. The surveys are carried out once each winter, and they involve entering the buildings to count how many bats are present. The following precautions will be made when entering the roosts:

- Roosts will only be entered when needed and when the bats are inactive.
- Doors will be closed immediately after entering or exiting
- The number of people entering the roost will be limited to avoid raising the temperature from body heat.
- No heat sources, such as gas lamps, will be used inside the roost.
- No touching of the animals, and care will be taken to avoid accidental contact with low-hanging animals.
- No illumination of the animals for longer than necessary.
- Noise will be kept to a minimum during the visit.
- No one showing signs of covid 19 will enter the building, and all participants will wear masks.

In my first year, my line manager, Dr Kate McAney, will closely supervise and train me when conducting surveys. Kate has 30 years of experience monitoring bats and has monitored the above sites for many of these.

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