

**APPLICATION FOR AN EXTENSION TO DEROGATION LICENCE DER-BAT-2024-195 TO CONTINUE RE-ROOFING WORKS TO GLEBE HOUSE AND OUTBUILDINGS, BALLYFAD, CO. WEXFORD**

On behalf of property owner Sheena Kennedy, I wish to apply for an extension to the derogation licence (DER-BAT-2024-195) to allow re-roofing works to be continued at Glebe House and outbuildings, Ballyfad, Gorey, Co. Wexford. A maternity roost of Soprano pipistrelles was recorded roosting in the attic space of the main house. Two Brown long-eared bats and a single Whiskered bat were recorded roosting in the roof of the outbuilding.

The entry/exit point currently used by the Soprano pipistrelles will be retained at the front elevation of the main house. In addition, a vent at the centre of the front elevation will be left open to allow bats entry. An Eco Rocket Box (Bat Box) will be mounted to the rear of the outbuilding.

A further bat survey was conducted immediately prior to any works being conducted. The re-roofing works in the vicinity of the roost site of Soprano pipistrelles are being supervised by an ecologist on site (Dr Caroline Shiel).

This licence is being applied for:

*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.*

There is no suitable alternative. The re-roofing works are necessary for the maintenance of this protected structure.

The proposed re-roofing works will not be detrimental to the maintenance of populations of any of these three species at a favourable conservation status in their natural range as required under Section 54 (2) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations.

Dr Caroline Shiel

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