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**Derogation Number  
DER-BAT-2025-186**

**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 **Kevin D. O’Riordan of Carnegie House, Library Road, Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin, A96 C7W7** 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. As 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 is issued in respect of the following **bat species**:

- **Soprano Pipistrelle**                      **Pipistrellus Pygmaeus**



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## Terms and Conditions

1. This derogation is granted solely to allow the activities specified in connection with the works located at **Markievicz Bridge, Bridge Street, Sligo, County Sligo, for Kevin D. O’Riordan.**
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 mitigation measures outlined in the application report (**Baseline Bat Report, Markievicz Bridge Repairs**), 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 derogation authorise shall be completed between **1<sup>st</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025, inclusive.**
6. The works will be supervised by bat ecologist(s):  

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| <b>David Culleton</b> | <b>Sara Fissolo</b> |
| <b>Aoife Joyce</b>    | <b>Ryan Connors</b> |
7. Any proposed works will avoid the confirmed roost during steaming/abrasive cleaning and mortar joint repointing.
8. Additional bat surveys of bridge arches and other areas which could not be directly surveyed previously due to high water levels, should be undertaken immediately prior to any works taking place to identify additional roosts or roosting features and to ensure that no roosting bats are present. Roosting feature (eg crevices) should be retained for future use by bats (eg by temporarily filling with bubble wrap during the course of the works)
9. If scaffolding is to be erected for an extended period during the bat activity season, there should be no obstruction of bat commuting/foraging corridors.
10. No lighting should be added under the bridge arches to minimise disturbance to roosting bats.
11. If this derogation addresses works that are subject of a planning application, no such works permitted under this derogation can occur until planning permission is granted.
12. If this derogation expires prior to works permitted under this derogation commencing, a new application must be sought in advance, including the provision of any updated data or reports.
13. 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.
14. The local **NPWS Regional Manager**, [ger.odonnell@npws.gov.ie](mailto:ger.odonnell@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 derogation.
15. On completion of the actions which this derogation 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](mailto:wildlife.reports@npws.gov.ie) detailing results of works and success of mitigation. **Both documents must be submitted to constitute a derogation return.**



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**For the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage**

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

**03 March 2025**

Any query in relation to this derogation should be sent to [reg54derogations@npws.gov.ie](mailto:reg54derogations@npws.gov.ie)





## 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***

***1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025, inclusive***

**Derogation Number: DER-BAT-2025-186**

**Derogation Holder: Kevin D. O’Riordan**

| Species (English & Scientific) | No. of Individuals Affected | No. of Breeding Places | No. of Resting Places |
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**Derogation Holder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

Returns must be emailed to the following email address:

[wildlife.reports@npws.gov.ie](mailto:wildlife.reports@npws.gov.ie)