

**APPLICATION FOR DEROGATION LICENCE TO CONDUCT REPAIR WORKS TO LACKLEA BRIDGE,
GLENTIES, CO. DONEGAL.**

On behalf of Donegal County, I wish to apply for a derogation licence to allow essential repair works to be conducted at Lacklea Bridge, Glenties, Co. Donegal (88563 93839). Lacklea Bridge was first surveyed in 2022 and a maternity roost of c. 10 Daubenton's bats was recorded in a crevice under the eastern arch. This crevice and other suitable crevices were marked for retention for bats. Lacklea Bridge was surveyed again in 2024. The maternity roost was still present.

A further bat survey will be conducted immediately prior to any works being conducted. The repair works will be supervised by an ecologist on site.

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 repair works are necessary to maintain the safety of the bridge.

The proposed repair works to Lacklea Bridge will not be detrimental to the maintenance of populations of this 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.

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