

**APPLICATION FOR DEROGATION LICENCE TO CONDUCT REPAIR WORKS TO DUNIRY 2 BRIDGE,  
TYNAGH, CO. GALWAY.**

On behalf of Galway County, I wish to apply for a derogation licence to allow essential repair works to be conducted at Duniry 2 Bridge, Tynagh, Co. Galway (53.1341667, -8.4139167). A small maternity roost of Daubenton's bats was recorded in a void under the eastern arch. This crevice and several other suitable crevices have been marked for retention for bats with red paint.

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 Duniry 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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