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A Chara,

Please find attached **Application for Derogation Licence Under the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 – 2021**. These works are necessary and central to the long-term maintenance of Dromore Stables, an established maternity **Lesser Horseshoe Bat** (*Rhinolophus hipposideros*) roost and SAC (**#000032**), which when occupied can hold numbers close to 350 individuals.

All works will be timed to ensure the wellbeing of the bats and are designed with full knowledge and assistance from NPWS ranger (Dr. Sinead Biggane) and aided by Dr. Kate McAney (The Vincent Wildlife Trust). In 2021 we applied and were successful in receiving a similar derogation (121) and likewise in early 2024 (Licence 2024-02). All works and full report were submitted on time as required in each case.

The works outlined for late 2024 and early 2025 relate to the completion of works commenced in early 2024, namely necessary repairs to roof and rainwater goods to ensure the site remains weather tight and some minor works to ground floor windows and doors to ensure they remain a barrier to vermin, in particular pine marten and brown rats, which are known to attempt to access the building. Of the works outlined on the attached schedule, only the window and door repairs remain outstanding – all other works are complete.

I hope these works can be accommodated and we look forward to continuing to work in close partnership with NPWS at this important site. If there are any further information requests, I remain available at your convenience.

Le meas,

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**Head of Climate Change**

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