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**Licence Number
DER-Otter-2025-01**

**EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (BIRDS AND NATURAL HABITATS) REGULATIONS,
2011 (S.I. No 477 of 2011)**

DEROGATION LICENCE

Granted under Regulation 54 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011.

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 **Ciaran O'Reilly of The Oval, Ballsbridge, 160 Shelbourne Road, Dublin 4** a licence. It is stated that this licence 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. There is no satisfactory alternative, and the action authorised by this licence will not be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of Otters referred to below at a favourable conservation status in their natural range.

This licence authorises the following:

- 1. disturbance
- 2. Actions authorised within the licence in respect of otters



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Terms and Conditions

1. This licence is granted solely to allow the activities specified in connection with the **works** located at **Millicent Bridge, North of Sallins, County Kildare** for **Ciaran O'Reilly**.
2. All activities authorised by this licence, 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 **Otter**. Anything done other than in accordance with the terms of this licence may constitute an offence
3. This licence may be modified or revoked, for stated reasons, at any time.
4. The mitigation measures outlined in the application report (**Meath to Kildare Grid Upgrade Derogation Licence Application (Otter)**), 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 licence authorise shall be completed between the **1st January-31st December 2025, inclusive**.
6. The works will be supervised by an ecologist **May Higgins & Susie Coyle**
7. If this licence addresses works that are subject of a planning application, no such works permitted under this licence can occur until planning permission is granted.
8. If this licence expires prior to works permitted under this licence commencing, a new application must be sought in advance, including the provision of any updated data or reports.
9. Works are to comply with **NRA's 'Guidelines for the treatment of Otters prior to the construction of National Road Scheme.'**
10. This licence 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.
11. The local NPWS **Conservation Ranger**, aisling.cunningham@pws.gov.ie, should be contacted prior to the commencement of any activity, and if otters are detected on site during the course of the work, under the terms of this licence.
12. On completion of the activities which this licence authorises, all recordings of otter 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 must be submitted to wildlife.reports@npws.gov.ie detailing results of works and success of mitigation. **Both documents must be submitted to constitute a licence return.**



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For the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage

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

09 October 2024

Any query in relation to this licence should be sent to wildlifelicence@npws.gov.ie





Article 16 (Habitats Directive) - Returns Form

This returns form is for use in respect of:

Regulation 54 – Derogation Licence to protect wild fauna and conserving natural habitats

1st January to 31st December 2025, inclusive

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Licence Holder: Ciaran O’Reilly

Species (English & Scientific)	No. of Individuals Affected	No. of Breeding Places	No. of Resting Places

Licence Holder Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Returns must be emailed to the following email address:

wildlife.reports@npws.gov.ie