



**Derogation Number:
3D-DER-BAT-2025-141**

**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 **Susan Fitzpatrick of Castle Howard, Avoca, County Wicklow, Y14 K254** 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. 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 in respect of the following **Bat Species**:

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| • Common Pipistrelle | Pipistrellus Pipistrellus |
| • 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 domestic dwelling of **Susan Fitzpatrick of Castle Howard, Avoca, County Wicklow, Y14 K254**
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 actions which this derogation authorise shall be completed between **24th November – 31st December 2025, inclusive**.
5. Should the works on the above location continue into 2026 **a new derogation must be applied for**.
6. A maternity bat box should be erected on the gable wall of the house, or somewhere else nearby if there are other suitable structures on the property (<https://www.nhbs.com/improved-roost-maternity-bat-box>)
7. The works will be supervised by an NPWS field officer or a licensed bat specialist, if the same NPWS officer deems it appropriate.
8. The site must be checked before work commences to ensure bats have left. Where bats are thought to still be on site, appropriate action should be taken to exclude bats before any subsequent works are carried out on residential property.
9. 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.
10. The local **NPWS Conservation Ranger – Aisling Cunningham**, aisling.cunningham@npws.gov.ie, should 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.
11. On completion of the actions which this derogation authorises, all recordings of bats affected will be made using the standardised data form provided below and must be submitted to the NPWS at wildlife.reports@npws.gov.ie **within four weeks of the expiry date of this derogation**.



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For the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage

Claire Bowler

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

11 November 2025

Any query in relation to this derogation should be sent to reg54derogations@npws.gov.ie





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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

1st January to 31st December 2025, inclusive

Derogation Number: 3D-DER-BAT-2025-141

Derogation Holder: Susan Fitzpatrick

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

Nil Return ☐

Derogation Holder Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Returns must be emailed to the following email address:

wildlife.reports@npws.gov.ie



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Instructions

- All fields are mandatory and should be completed in clear BLOCK writing
- Names in both English and Scientific are to be included for each species covered under the derogation.
- Species should be those granted on the derogation only
- 'Individuals' refers to the number of individuals per species affected under the derogation.
- The term 'individuals' refers to mammals of all ages.

- Number of individuals affected.
Should there be none enter as nil
- Number of Breeding Places Affected.
Should there be none enter as nil
- Number of Resting Places Affected.
Should there be none enter as nil