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**Licence Number
DER-BAT-2025-08 (amended)**

**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, 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 **Mary Cahill of Planning, Development and Environment, Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Co. Wicklow A67 FW96** a licence. It is stated that this licence is issued:

- A. In the interests of protecting wild flora and fauna and conserving natural habitats & To prevent serious damage, in particular to crops, livestock, forests, fisheries and water and other types of property
- B. As there is no satisfactory alternative, and the action authorised by this licence 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 licence authorises the following:

- 1. Roost disturbance
- 2. Actions authorised within the licence

The licence is issued in respect of the following **bat species**:

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| • brown long-eared bat | Plecotus auritus |
| • natterer's bat | Myotis nattereri |
| • common pipistrelle | Pipistrellus pipistrellus |
| • soprano pipistrelle | Pipistrellus pygmaeus |
| • leisler's bat | Nycatalus leisler |
| • whiskered bat | Myotis mystacinus |



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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 - **Whitestown, Co. Wicklow, for Mary Cahill.**
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 **BAT**. 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 (**Appendix 42 Assessment of the proposed works for Annex IV species**), 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 **1st January 2025 – 31st December 2025 inclusive.**
6. The works will be supervised by bat ecologists: **Rita Mansfield, Ben O' Dwyer, Shannon Burke, Jason Cahill, Orla Commins, Danny Franklin, Conor Murphy, Faith Wilson (of Faith Wilson Ecology) & John Curtin (of Eire Ecology)**
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. 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.
10. The local **NPWS District Conservation Officer**, John.Griffin@npws.gov.ie, must 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 licence.
11. On completion of the actions which this licence authorises, all recordings of bat species 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 will also 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)

23 July 2025

Any query in relation to this licence should be sent to wildlifelicence@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 Licence to protect wild fauna and conserving natural habitats

1st January to 31st December 2025, inclusive

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Licence Holder: Mary Cahill

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

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

Nil Return ☐

Returns must be emailed to the following email address:

wildlife.reports@npws.gov.ie