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RESPONSE

11th February 2021

Foynes to Limerick
Road Oral Hearing
(Case Ref. No.s: ABP-
306146-19, ABP-
306199-19)

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Licensed Bat Specialist:

NPWS licence C13/2020
(Licence to handle bats,
expires 31st December
2022)

NPWS licence 08/2020
(Licence to photograph/film
bats, expires 31st
December 2022)

NPWS licence DER/BAT
2019-138 on expiry
(Survey licence, expires
29th March 2022).

To whom it may concern,

I am Dr Tina Aughney, the Bat Specialist contracted as part of the proposed road scheme, Foynes to Limerick Road. During the Biodiversity proceedings on 10th February 2021, I was asked a question by Dr Flynn in relation to the NPWS Derogation Licence received for the treatment of bats. The question asked whether NPWS attached monitoring conditions. In the application for the derogation licence, Section 4.3 states that "implementation of the mitigation measures will be monitored by a competent, qualified and experienced ecologist at intervals during the initial years of operation of the development to ensure successful implementation". The Derogation Licence (DER-BAT-2019-128), dated 18/11/2019, Condition 4 states that "... Strict adherence must be paid to all the proposed measures in the application" and specifies conditions in relation to surveying, timing of works and supervision, based on the information provided in the application.

Terms and Conditions

Condition 4: The mitigation measures outlined in the application report (2019 NPWS Derogation Licence Application, Dr Tina Aughney, Bat Eco Services, 4. Bat Mitigation Measures), together with any changes or clarification agreed in correspondence between NPWS and the agent or applicant, are to be fully and strictly carried out. Strict adherence must be paid to all the proposed measures in the application.

Condition 5: All sites must be surveyed immediately prior to demolition.

Condition 6: Demolition works should happen outside the main summer season, avoiding May to August and cold winter months (December and January).

Condition 7: The works will be supervised by a licence bat specialist agent.

I have provided a copy of the Derogation Licence (DER-BAT-2019-128) and application for the record. For the avoidance of doubt, the terms of Conditions 4, 5, 6 and 7 as outlined above, will be included in the Schedule of Commitments for the Foynes to Limerick Road (including Adare Bypass).

Sincerely,
Dr Tina Aughney