

Luas Finglas

Environmental Impact Assessment Report 2024

Appendix A9.6: Otter Derogation License Application



An Roinn Tithíochta,
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage

Application for Derogation Licence

Under the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 – 2021

Prepared by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

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- This form is to be used by any person applying for a derogation licence under Regulation 54 or by the Minister under Regulation 54(A)
- Please ensure that you answer questions fully in order to avoid delays
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National Parks and Wildlife Service

Wildlife Licensing Unit, R. 2.03

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Part A. The Applicant: Personal Details

These questions relate to the person responsible for any proposed works and who will be the **named licensee**. As the licensee you will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the licence and its conditions, even though you may employ another person to act on your behalf.

If this application is being submitted on behalf of a third party please also complete Part B below.

1. (a) Name of Applicant

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr)	Forename(s)	Surname
Mr	David	Weldon
(b) Address Line 1	Parkgate Business Centre	
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Town	Dublin 8	
County	Dublin	
Eircode	D08 DK10	
(c) Contact number	086 410 7571	
(d) Email address	David.Weldon@tii.ie	
(e) Address where works are to be carried out if different from (b) above.		
Address Line 1	Broombridge Luas Stop	
Address Line 2	Broombridge	
Town	Cabra West	
County	Dublin	
Eircode	N/A	

Part B. Details of Person Submitting Application on Behalf of Applicant/Licensee

Information relating to the person (e.g. ecologist) responsible for submitting the application on behalf of the applicant/licensee should be entered below:

1. (a) Name of Person/Ecologist

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr)	Forename(s)	Surname
Mr	William	Mulville
(b) Company Name	JBA Consulting Ireland	
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Town	Smithfield	
County	Dublin	
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(c) Contact number	0894916604	
(d) Email address	William.mulville@jbaconsulting.ie	
(e) Relationship to Applicant	Sub-contracted Ecologist	

Part C. The Application

1. **Species of Animal:** Please indicate which species is affected by the proposed works:

- Bat
- Otter
- Kerry Slug
- Natterjack Toad
- Dolphin
- Whale
- Turtle
- Porpoise

2. Please detail the exact species (scientific name): Lutra lutra

3. Please provide the maximum number of individuals affected* 2

4. Please provide the maximum number of breeding or resting sites affected* 1

5. Please provide the maximum number of eggs to be taken* 0

6. Please provide the maximum number of eggs to be destroyed* 0

*If no figures can be provided for the maximum number of individuals, breeding sites, resting places and eggs to be covered by the derogation please provide reasons why.

7. **Species of Plant:** Please indicate which species is affected by the proposed works:

- Killarney Fern
- Slender Naiad
- Marsh Saxifrage

8. If you previously received a derogation for any species of animal or plant please state licence number and confirm that you have made a return to NPWS on the numbers actually affected by that licence

9. **Proposed Dates for Works:** Please indicate the timeframe that you propose to carry out works. Dates set by NPWS may differ from dates proposed here.

Start Date:	2031
End Date:	2033 Time frame of 80 weeks for bridge works adjacent to the canal

10. Please tick which reason below explains How this Application Qualifies under Regulation 54(2)(A-E) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations:

a.	In the interests of protecting wild flora and fauna and conserving natural habitats	<input type="checkbox"/>
b.	To prevent serious damage, in particular to crops, livestock, forests, fisheries and water and other types of property	<input type="checkbox"/>
c.	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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d.	For the purpose of research and education, of re-populating and re-introducing these species and for the breeding operations necessary for these purposes, including artificial propagation of plants	<input type="checkbox"/>
e.	To allow, under strictly supervised conditions, on a selective basis and to a limited extent, the taking or keeping of certain specimens of the species to the extent specified therein, which are referred to in the First Schedule	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. Report Checklist: Please append a detailed report to support this application and ensure that it contains the following information:

11.1	Explanation as to why the derogation licence sought is the only available option for works and no suitable alternative exists as per Regulation 54 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11.2	Evidence that actions permitted by a derogation licence will not be detrimental to the maintenance of the populations of the species to which the Habitats Directive relates at a favourable conservation status in their natural range as is required under Section 54(2) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11.3	Details of any mitigation measures planned for the species affected by the derogation at the location, along with evidence that such mitigation has been successful elsewhere.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11.4	As much information as possible to allow a decision to be made on this application.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Part D. Declaration

I declare that all of the foregoing particulars are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct. I understand that the deliberate killing, injuring, capturing or disturbing of protected species, or damage or destruction of their breeding sites or resting places or the deliberate taking or destroying of eggs is an offence without a licence and that it is a legal requirement to comply with the conditions of any licence I may be granted following this application. I understand that NPWS may visit to check compliance with a licence.

Please note that under Regulation 5 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011-2021 an authorised officer may enter and inspect any land or premises for the purposes of performing any of his or her functions under these Regulations or for obtaining any information which he or she may require for such purposes.

Signature of the Applicant



Date

01/10/2024

Name in BLOCK LETTERS

WILLIAM MULVILLE

PRIVACY STATEMENT

Please note that under Data Protection legislation Wildlife Licencing Unit staff may only discuss licence applications with the applicant, and not with any third party. See Privacy Statement at www.npws.ie/licences

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2st October 2024
Our REF: 2021s0343-NPWS-XX-02

Re: Application for License to disturb a known Otter *Lutra lutra* holt associated with the construction of the Luas Finglas Extension.

Dear Sir/Madam,

JBA Consulting Ltd. have been engaged by EGIS on behalf of TII in relation to the proposed high-capacity, high-frequency light rail running from Broombridge to Charlestown connecting Finglas and the surrounding areas with Dublin's wider public transport network. The Luas Finglas extension project is part of the Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy 2022-2042 (see <https://www.luasfinglas.ie>). Alternate routes and plans have been considered and the consultation with the public on the preferred route has been completed. The route that is outlined within the planning application associated with this derogation license is set and will be the route within the application.

Luas Finglas Scheme

The Luas Finglas Scheme is being carried out by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) who will appoint an Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) for each of the pre-work monitoring, construction and post-work monitoring phase of the project. The ECoW appointed to the works will be responsible for implementing the mitigations outlined in the EIAR and NIS as part of the planning application.

The proposed Scheme starts at Broombridge and travels northwards, crossing the Royal Canal and the Maynooth railway line adjacent to Broome Bridge. It then runs adjacent to the east of Broombridge Road and the Dublin Industrial Estate. It then crosses the Tolka Valley Park before reaching the proposed St Helena's Stop and then proceeds northwards towards the proposed Luas Finglas Village Stop. From here, the route passes through a new corridor created within the Finglas Garda Station car park, making its eastern turn onto Mellowes Road. The route then proceeds through Mellowes Park, crossing Finglas Road, towards the proposed St Margaret's Road Stop. Thereafter, the proposed line continues along St Margaret's Road before reaching the terminus Stop proposed at Charlestown. See Figure 1 for Scheme location and route.

Two new Light Rail Transit (LRT) bridges will be constructed as part of the proposed Scheme; a bridge over the River Tolka within the Tolka Valley Park and a bridge over the Royal Canal and the Iarnród Éireann (IÉ) railway line at Broombridge.



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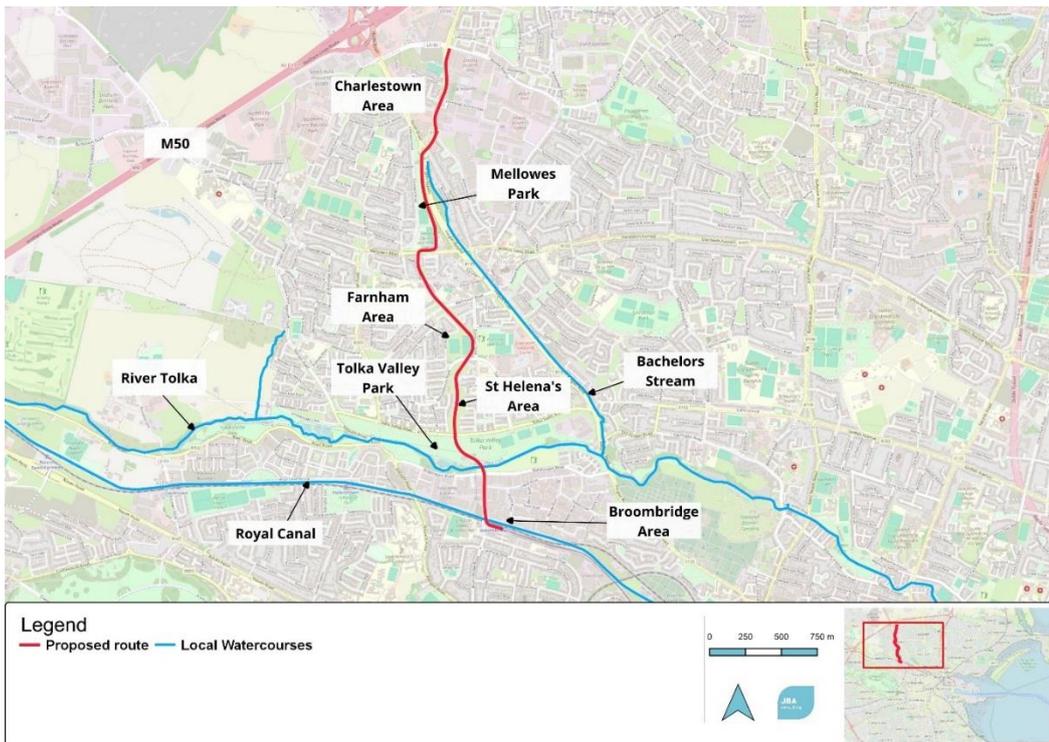


Figure 1: Proposed Scheme Location (Open Street Map, 2024)

Alternatives Considered

As part of the EIAR, a number of alternative routes / alignments for the light-rail route were considered for the proposed Scheme. Due to the location in north Dublin the scheme requires that a crossing is made over the Royal Canal. However, in respect of the identified Otter holt, each available option would produce the same level of disturbance to the holt as it is the works at the existing Broombridge Luas station itself, i.e., the start point of the green line extension, that are the closest disturbance source (within approx. 35m) of the Otter holt.

In regard to pedestrian infrastructure within the locality of the Otter holt, a total of four options were considered along the Royal Canal, and are listed below:

- Option 1 - Do minimum scenario;
- Option 2 - New access structure off Hamilton Bridge;
- Option 3 - Extension of existing bridge and lift structure to the towpath; and
- Option 4 – New canal bridge with integrated towpaths.

Of the above Option 1 was the least impactful to the Otter holt in terms of both construction and operational disturbance. This was one of a number of reasons as to why this option was the final selected option for pedestrian infrastructure strategy along the Royal Canal at Broombridge.

Therefore, aside from the unavoidable disturbance impact as a result of the works that will need to be conducted at the existing Luas Broombridge station, the proposed Scheme has chosen the least impactful option available for the affected Otter holt.

The proposed Luas Finglas Scheme will improve public transport within the Dublin city and contribute to reaching climate targets for county and for Ireland as a whole. Not going ahead with the Scheme would negate these objectives.

JBA Otter Surveys 2021-2024

As part of the EIAR, JBA ecologists carried out a series of Otter *Lutra lutra* surveys along the proposed route of the light rail. These surveys were carried out over multiple years at different times of the year to evaluate potential Otter activity within the boundary of the proposed project. The surveys of Otter on site began in the spring of 2021 and have been on-going since. These surveys were led and carried out by William Mulville of JBA Consulting, an experienced Otter specialist. Surveying techniques were in line with those outlined in the Guidelines for the Treatment of Otters Prior to the Construction of National Road Schemes (2006), and Ecological Surveying Techniques for Protected Flora and Fauna during the Planning of National Road Schemes (NRA, 2008).

Evidence of Otter habitation was recorded along both the Broombridge Royal Canal section and the River Tolka within Tolka Valley Park. Multiple spraints were recorded during 2021, 2022 and 2023 at an Otter latrine located along the northern bank of the Royal Canal, under Broombridge pedestrian / roadway bridge. In the January of 2023 during a monitoring survey, an Otter holt (with evidence of fresh excavation) was recorded for the first time along the south bank of the Royal Canal, 35m east of the existing Broombridge Luas stop (Figure 2).

Overall, the holt was recorded as active from the January 2023 to August 2023 (see Figure 3) and has not had any further record of activity during the subsequent regular monitoring of the holt site. No other evidence of Otter holts or couches were found along the proposed route for the Luas extension.

As part of the site preparation and construction works there is the potential for disturbance and loss of an Otter holt in the Royal Canal adjacent to the Broombridge Luas stop. The works are proposed to take place within 35m of the holt. A new bridge will go over the Royal Canal at Broombridge.



Figure 2: Location of recorded Otter holt in respect to the proposed scheme at Broombridge



Figure 3: Otter holt along the southern bank of the Royal Canal (January 2023)

EIAR Otter Mitigation Measures

Although there has been no recent record of Otter within the holt, mitigation measures are included in the EIAR under the precautionary principle to ensure there are no adverse impacts to the holt, which may become active again.

In respect to general mitigations to safeguard the wellbeing of local Otters and their food supply, there will be strict adherence by the appointed contractor, as overseen by the ECoW, to the mitigation measures outlined in the Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) that will be submitted alongside the EIAR for planning, which pertains to best practice guidance and the protection of surface water, groundwater and air quality.

Additionally, standard mammal mitigation measures will be adhered to including the covering of all excavations to prevent accidental trapping or the use of mammal ramps in larger excavations to allow for escape as well as the use of exclusionary fencing where appropriate to prevent mammals from entering any potentially dangerous areas.

The specific Otter mitigation measures within the EIAR will be implemented to ensure that the local Royal Canal-based Otters are not subjected to any adverse impacts. This includes a requirement for regular (seasonal) pre-construction surveys to monitor the currently inactive Otter holt located along the south bank of the Royal Canal at Broombridge, which has been on-going since the January 2023. These monitoring surveys will determine frequency of use across a multi-year study period. All data from the pre-construction surveys will be provided to the appointed ECoW, who will be briefed in detail by the pre-construction study team. The ECoW will then continue to monitor the Otter holt during the construction phase.

In addition, given that bankside vegetation clearance that will take place along the south bank of the Royal Canal immediately east of the existing bridge for approximately 15m during the construction phase, the provision of replacement commuting shelter will be required. In order to achieve this, trees due to be felled in the immediate locality will be cut to into segments and bundled, forming multiple floating log rafts, which will mirror the occurrence of deadwood building up behind a collapsed riparian tree. These will be secured to the southern bank of the Royal Canal, where the vegetation will be cleared, whilst works are on-going in this area. The securing element will need to be able to adjust to rising and falling water levels, e.g., chain or heavy-duty rope with surplus length. These log rafts will cover a minimum length of 15m along the southern bank of the Royal Canal, immediate east of the existing bridge (See Figure 2), which provides cover up to the beginning of the scrub hedging along the southern bank. These log rafts will mainly provide cover for the Otters whilst in the water, allowing them to emerge from the water in gaps between bundled logs and between the rafts and the bank.

There will also be a toolbox talk given to the site personnel by the appointed ECoW about the local Otters and where they are likely to potentially encounter them within works area (i.e., Royal Canal, River Tolka and Tolka Valley Park pond and their respective banks).

Application for License

All of the above mitigation details pertaining to Otter in the Royal Canal are listed in the EIAR for the proposed project, ensuring that no adverse impact is anticipated for the local Otter population.

We therefore seek the license to disturb an inactive Otter holt as afforded by Regulation 54 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (license application on behalf of Transport Infrastructure Ireland) in relation the proposed Luas Finglas Extension.

The relevant derogation license form for the potential disturbance of an inactive Otter holt is attached

Yours sincerely/faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Mulville". The ink is dark and the signature is centered on the page.

Name: William Mulville

For and on behalf of [Jeremy Benn Associates Limited] [JBA Consulting Engineers & Scientists Limited]

Position: Senior Ecologist

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To: Housing_wildlifelicence
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Luas Finglas Scheme - Derogation license for Otter
Date: 02 October 2024 15:38:09
Attachments: [2021s0343-NPWS-XX-01-Otter_Derogation_Licence_Application.pdf](#)
[2021s0343-NPWS-XX-02-Otter_Summary_Report.pdf](#)

Hi Gregory,

Please find attached an Application Form and updated Ecologist's Report on Otter in reference to Derogation License for the disturbance of an Otter holt on the Royal Canal during the construction phase of the Luas Finglas Scheme. I hope everything is in order.

If you have any questions, please do get in touch.

Kind regards,

Patricia Byrne

Patricia Byrne MCIEEM
Principal Ecologist | Ecology



From: Patricia Byrne
Sent: 02 October 2024 11:54
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Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Luas Finglas Scheme - Derogation license for Otter

Hi Gregory,

Thank you for prompt response and phone call this morning. It was good to get an update on latest Derogation licensing process and EU focus on alternatives following recent case law. We will amend report send it on to you later today.

Kind regards,

Patricia

Patricia Byrne MCIEEM
Principal Ecologist | Ecology

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From: Housing wildlifelicence <wildlifelicence@npws.gov.ie>

Sent: 02 October 2024 09:56

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Hi Patricia,

Lovely to speak with you on the phone.

As discussed the updated report should include alternatives reviewed and the reasoning as to why your proposed works are the best course of action.

Once received I will email to our regional staff and scientific unit for assessment.

Kindest regards,

Gregory Egan
Executive Officer
Wildlife Licencing Unit

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Dear Sir/Madam,

JBA Consulting, on behalf of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), are applying for a Derogation License for the disturbance of an Otter holt on the Royal Canal during the construction phase of the Luas Finglas Scheme.

I attach a completed Application Form and accompanying ecologist's report.

The Railway Order is being submitted shortly, and we would be very grateful if the Derogation License application could be processed as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please do get in touch.

Thanking you in advance,

Kind regards,

Patricia Byrne

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**Licence Number
DER-Otter-2024-170**

**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 **David Weldon of Parkgate Business Centre, Parkgate St, Dublin 8, D08 DK10**, 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 **Grand Canal, Co. Dublin, for David Weldon.**
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 (**2021s0343-NPWS-XX-02-Otter_Summary_Report**), 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 **31/10/2024** and **31/12/2024.**
6. The works will be supervised by an ecologist **William Mulville of JBA Consulting Ireland.**
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 **Regional Staff**, Paul.OFlaherty@npws.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)

31 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 2024, inclusive

Licence Number:

DER-Otter-2024- 170

Licence Holder:

David Weldon

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:

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DER-Otter-2025- 02

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David Weldon

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