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## RE: Demolition of Houses at Widow's Row Belturbet

Dear Sir / Madam,

I refer to the proposed Part 8 application for the demolition of the single storey houses at Widow's Row and the subsequent construction of a new residential development.

I visited the site in May 2022 to undertake an investigation for invasive species. Whilst I am not a bat ecologist and did not seek out any direct evidence that the houses are used by bats, I noted that the structures there are likely to be suitable for roosting bats.

Therefore, in order to comply with the requirements of the Irish Wildlife Acts, it is highly recommended that a bat survey of the house, including a dawn / dusk emergence survey is carried out as soon as possible and prior to the demolition of the houses. If bats are present, demolition will have to be done when bats have vacated, or a derogation license can be sought from the National Parks and Wildlife Service which will allow the bats to be safely removed by an experienced bat handler.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Noreen Mc Loughlin". The signature is written in black ink on a light blue rectangular background.

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