## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS WILDLIFE (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1985 (AS AMENDED) LICENCE

General licence to kill or take certain birds, including the taking, damaging or destruction of their nests or the taking or destruction of their eggs, or the disturbance of such a bird or the young of such a bird.

This licence hereby authorises for the purpose of protecting any collection of wild birds and for the purpose of preserving public health or public safety, **ANY AUTHORISED PERSON** to kill or take any of the following birds: -

Hooded Crow (Corvus cornix)
Carrion Crow (Corvus corone)
Jackdaw (Coloeus monedula)
Magpie (Pica pica)
Feral Pigeon (Columba livia)
House Sparrow (Passer domesticus)
Starling (Sturnus vulgaris)

By shooting or by the use of a cage-trap or net or any other method not prohibited by Article 6 of the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (as amended) (the Order); to take, damage or destroy their nests, or to take or destroy their eggs; or to disturb such a bird or the dependant young of such a bird.

This licence does not apply on Sundays or during the period commencing one hour after sunset on any day ending one hour before sunrise on the next day.

This licence is granted under Article 18(1) and (6) of the Order by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (the Department). It comes into operation on 17 October 2022 and is valid unless previously revoked, in all regions of Northern Ireland until 31 December 2022.

In this licence: -

"authorised persons" means: -

- the owner or occupier, or any person authorised by the owner or occupier, of the land on which the action authorised is taken;
- any person authorised by the Department.

(The authorisation of any person for the purpose of this definition shall not confer any right of entry upon land)

"to kill" includes accidently to wound, whilst attempting to kill;

"wild bird" means, any bird of a species which is ordinarily resident in or is a visitor to the European territory of any Member State in a wild state but does not include poultry or any game bird.

Date: 17 October 2022

**Authorised Officer** 

Signed: Richard Gray