SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: BANAGHER (DOMESTIC DWELLING, OCCUPIED)

SITE CODE: 000567

This site is a summer and possibly winter roost of the Brown Long-eared Bat (*Plecotus auritus*) in a privately owned, old dwelling house. Approximately 60 bats were recorded in the attic, roosting along the main ridge beam, in 1987. As most long-eared colonies only contain between 20 to 30 bats, this site is of national importance. No changes have taken place at the building since 1987 and the owners are well disposed towards the bats so this is considered to be a safe roost.

Although the Brown Long-eared Bat is considered to be the second most common bat species in Ireland, the numbers of large, safe roosts are small and this species is continually under threat of exclusion from buildings.

This species is dependent on woodland close to its roosting sites so any major changes in existing woodland in the vicinity of the roost would adversely affect this colony.

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