SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: CLOGHANBEG

SITE CODE: 002059

This is a nursery roost for a colony of Leisler's Bat (*Nyctalus leisleri*) which roost in the fascia boards of a privately owned modern dwelling house situated approximately 4km south-west of Banagher. Approximately 50 bats were recorded at the house in 1992 which makes it a site of national importance.

The present owners are well disposed towards the bats, which is an important consideration when trying to protect roosts of this species, the largest and possibly the noisiest of the seven bat species. Although the Leisler's Bat is considered common in Ireland, the numbers of safe nursery roosts are small. This species is rarely recorded outside Ireland which is the European stronghold for this species.

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