SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: PARADISE HOUSE (BALLYNACALLY)

SITE CODE: 000062

This Lesser Horseshoe Bat (*Rhinolophus hipposideros*) roost is located in the outbuildings associated with the ruins of Paradise House, outside Ballynacally, Co. Clare. Small numbers of bats (<50) use the outbuildings during the summer but it is not known if the site is a nursery site or a roost of male and non-breeding females.

This site has not been visited since the late eighties but should still be considered a site of national importance as it is one of the few Lesser Horseshoe Bat roosts known in this area of Munster.

Paradise House and its outbuildings are surrounded by mature woodland and overlook the Shannon Estuary, both ideal foraging habitats for Lesser Horseshoe Bats.

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