SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: ORMOND'S MILL, LOUGHMOE, TEMPLEMORE

SITE CODE: 002066

This bat site is located in a stone building at Ormond's Mill, in Loughmoe, Templemore, Co. Tipperary. It contains a colony of Natterer's Bat (*Myotis nattereri*) and Brown Long-eared Bat (*Plecotus auritus*). Although the number of Natterer's Bat recorded at the site is small (12 were recorded in 1989), it is likely that the colony is a sizable one. An emergence count would reveal a more realistic figure.

As the national population of Natterer's Bat is estimated to be only several thousand, this nursery roost is of national importance, as is the colony (approximately 40 bats) of Brown Long-eared Bat. The present owner is well disposed towards the bats.

Both species of bats recorded here are dependent on woodland so any changes to existing woodland around the town could adversely affect these colonies by reducing the availability of suitable foraging grounds.

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