SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: BIRR (DOMESTIC DWELLING NO. 1, OCCUPIED)

SITE CODE: 000569

This is a nursery roost for the Leisler's Bat (*Nyctalus leisleri*) which roost along the gable end of the attic in a privately owned old dwelling house. Almost 100 bats were recorded at the house in 1987, and although the number of bats has declined since then, it is still a roost of international 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 Irish bat species. Although the Leisler's Bat is considered common in Ireland, the number of safe nursery roosts is small.

It is possible that the bats at this site move between this and another house, known as Birr Domestic Dwelling 2, over the course of a summer. Therefore, it is important to protect both houses.

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