SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: DRUMAKEENAN NATIONAL SCHOOL

SITE CODE: 002064

This bat site is located in the roof of a classroom at Drumakeenan National School, north-west of Roscrea, just inside the border of Co. Offaly. This site contains a large colony of Brown Long-eared Bat (*Plecotus auritus*) and is probably a nursery colony. It is possible that the bats are present all year round.

As most long-eared colonies are small, any site containing 50 or more bats is of national importance. The teaching staff is well disposed towards the bats.

Brown Long-eared Bats are dependent on woodland so any changes to the existing deciduous woodland around the site could adversely affect the colony by reducing the availability of suitable foraging grounds.

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