SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: KNOCKAVILLA NATIONAL SCHOOL, DUNDRUM

SITE CODE: 000649

A small colony of Leisler's Bat (*Nyctalus leisleri*) uses the cavity walls of this modern school building during the summer months. As approximately 50 bats were counted at the school in 1987, this site is of national importance. However, as only one count has ever been made of the colony, it is possible that the number of bats has increased since then. At the time the roost was discovered, the staff and children at the school were quite happy having the bats in the school building.

Although a small colony, this is an important site because of the attitude of the staff at the school. If the number of bats using the site have increased over the years, it is possible that this site is or could become a site of international importance.

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