SITE SYNOPSIS

SITE NAME: CARRICKGLASS DEMESNE

SITE CODE: 001822

Carrickglass Demesne lies some 4km north-east of Longford Town. The whole estate was designated an Area of Scientific Interest (ASI) in 1972, and is now designated a Natural Heritage Area (NHA).

The interest of the site lies in the mixed estate woodland which borders it. Although one area has been planted with conifers, oak (*Quercus* spp.) is a prevalent tree and some specimens are reported as reaching heights of around 30.5m in this mature woodland. The degree of ecological interest of the demesne interior is not currently known.

The wood may benefit from some degree of management, which could include timber extraction. Livestock have access to most of it and accordingly damage the ground layer of plants. There is also a large Grey Squirrel population which may hamper regeneration.

Although Carrickglass Demesne Woodland is not extensive, and is essentially linear, there are few other mature, predominantly broadleaved woodlands in the area.

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