1. SITE IDENTIFICATION

1.1 Type
B

1.2 Site code
IE0000030

1.3 Site name
Danes Hole, Poulnalecka SAC

1.4 First Compilation date
1996-07

1.5 Update date
2018-09

1.6 Respondent:
Name/Organisation: National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
Address: 90 King Street North, Dublin 7, D07 N7CV, Ireland
Email: datadelivery@chg.gov.ie

Date site proposed as SCI: 1998-05
Date site confirmed as SCI: No data
Date site designated as SAC: 2016-02
National legal reference of SAC designation: 88/2016

2. SITE LOCATION

2.1 Site-centre location [decimal degrees]:

...
Longitude  \(-8.698188112\)  
Latitude  \(52.7963335\)

### 2.2 Area [ha]:
38.42763616

### 2.3 Marine area [%]
0.0

### 2.4 Sitelength [km]:
0.0

### 2.5 Administrative region code and name

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<th>NUTS level 2 code</th>
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### 2.6 Biogeographical Region(s)

Atlantic (%)

### 3. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### 3.1 Habitat types present on the site and assessment for them

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<th>Annex I Habitat types</th>
<th>Site assessment</th>
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<td>Code</td>
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- **PF**: for the habitat types that can have a non-priority as well as a priority form (6210, 7130, 9430) enter "X" in the column PF to indicate the priority form.
- **NP**: in case that a habitat type no longer exists in the site enter: x (optional)
- **Cover**: decimal values can be entered
- **Caves**: for habitat types 8310, 8330 (caves) enter the number of caves if estimated surface is not available.
- **Data quality**: G = 'Good' (e.g. based on surveys); M = 'Moderate' (e.g. based on partial data with some extrapolation); P = 'Poor' (e.g. rough estimation)

#### 3.2 Species referred to in Article 4 of Directive 2009/147/EC and listed in Annex II of Directive 92/43/EEC and site evaluation for them

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<th>Population in the site</th>
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<td>G</td>
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4. SITE DESCRIPTION

4.1 General site character

Habitat class

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<td>Total Habitat Cover</td>
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Other Site Characteristics

This site consists of a small fossil limestone cave in the banks of a tributary to the River Ahaclare, west of Broadford, Co. Clare. The cave is approximately 50 m long and 2-3m wide. The passage is, at times, quite low. The cave ends in a sump. There is no sign that this water floods other parts of the cave, or that the stream outside the entrance floods the cave. The cave is used as a winter hibernation site by Lesser Horseshoe Bats. The area surrounding the cave is mixed woodland which provides ideal foraging habitat and shelter for the bats. A summer roost and important commuting hedgerows down to the Ahaclare are also included in the site.

4.2 Quality and importance

The site contains a small, though significant, natural limestone cave. As this site contains 250 Lesser Horseshoe Bats (Rhinolophus hipposideros), it is a site of international importance. It is also important as it lies along the eastern limit for the distribution of this species in Ireland. The site also supports a stand of Old Oak woodland.

4.3 Threats, pressures and activities with impacts on the site

The most important impacts and activities with high effect on the site

| Threats and pressures [code] | Pollution (optional) [code] | inside/outside [i|o|b] | Activities, management [code] | Pollution (optional) [code] | inside/outside [i|o|b] |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| M 1303                      | Rhinolophus hipposideros   | Yes                    | w 250 250 i                  | G                          | B                      |
4.5 Documentation


6. SITE MANAGEMENT

6.2 Management Plan(s):
An actual management plan does exist:

☐ Yes
☐ No, but in preparation
☒ No

7. MAP OF THE SITES

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Map delivered as PDF in electronic format (optional)
☐ Yes  ☒ No

Reference(s) to the original map used for the digitalisation of the electronic boundaries (optional).