



**Site Name: Toonagh Estate SAC**

**Site Code: 002247**

This site consists of part of a former estate and is located 5 km north-west of Ennis, Co. Clare. A stables provides a nursery roost for the Lesser Horseshoe Bat.

The site is a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) selected for the following habitats and/or species listed on Annex I / II of the E.U. Habitats Directive (\* = priority; numbers in brackets are Natura 2000 codes):

[1303] Lesser Horseshoe Bat ( <i>Rhinolophus hipposideros</i> )
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At Toonagh Estate SAC the Lesser Horseshoe Bats roost in the roof space and gain access through gaps in the lower sections of the building. The population size has been increasing since the upper storey windows of the building were blocked. Approximately 100 individuals have been counted in recent years.

An area of parkland which contains some mature trees and hedgerows is included in the site as this provides ideal foraging habitat for the bats.

There are no immediate threats to this site.