

Site name: St. Gobnet's Wood SAC 000106
County: Cork

Site Specific Conservation Objective (SSCO) Ecological Attributes
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