

Site name: Ridge Road, SW of Rapemills SAC 000919

County: Offaly

Site Specific Conservation Objective (SSCO) Ecological Attributes
[6210] Semi natural dry grasslands and scrubland facies on calcareous
substrates Festuco Brometalia important orchid sites

- 1 Habitat area
- 2 Habitat distribution
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- 3.2 Vegetation composition: negative indicator species
- 3.3 Vegetation composition: non-native species
- 3.4 Vegetation composition: woody species and bracken
- 4.1 Vegetation structure: broadleaf herb:grass ratio
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