CLARE - COUNTY GEOLOGICAL SITE REPORT

NAME OF SITE: Doolin Cave

Other names used for site: Doolin

TOWNLAND(S): Doolin

NEAREST TOWN: Lisdoonvarna

SIX INCH MAP NUMBER: Clare 8

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE: 107485 196840 = R07485 96840

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Outline Site Description
Extensive dendritic stream cave system.

Geological System/Age and Primary Rock Type
Dendritic cave system within Carboniferous Limestone.

Main Geological or Geomorphological Interest
Doolin Cave, a dendritic network of stream passages, is an active cave system, which has preserved various stages of cave development. The cave system developed as parts of the surface Aille River system formed underground routes that unite in a large master conduit. The entire Aille River sinks into the cave in its lower part in low water conditions. Access to the lower reaches is by Fisherstreet Pot in between Doolin and Roadford.

Site Importance
The site is of County Geological Site importance under the IGH 1 Karst theme of the GSI’s IGH Programme.

Management/promotion issues
Expansion of tourism?
Ongoing pollution problems with domestic sewage, mainly on the Aran View Swallet branch.

NO PICTURE AVAILABLE