



# SITE VISIT REPORT

<b>Purpose of Site Visit:</b>	<b>Tipperary Peat Extraction</b>
<b>Site Address:</b>	Arragh Beg Bog, Arragh Beg County Tipperary
<b>Date of Visit:</b>	25/03/2022
<b>Times of Visit:</b>	10.15 am to 12.00 am
<b>Visit Criteria:</b>	Peat extraction investigation
<b>EPA Attendees:</b>	Mick Henry and John Gibbons

**Summary:** The purpose of the visit was to

- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were been carried out on lands at Arragh Beg bog County Tipperary.
- ii) To determine what activity and the location of the activities been undertaken was carried out at during recent months. The site visit commenced on lands that were the subject of correspondence from the Agency in September and October 2022 where extraction of peat on a commercial scale was noted.

**Findings of site visit of 25/03//2022:** The following was noted during the visit:

- Peat extraction machinery was noted in the area (Appendix 1) at Arrabeg townland where the peat had been dug up (large sods), stockpiled in rows prior to being removed to a loading area.
- Excavators, tractors and tracked trailers for peat harvesting were noted (see Appendix 2 photographs).
- Drainage works and peat extraction (sods and milling) were noted.
- Recent peat harvesting activity had taken place in the area but no activity was noted during the visit.
- It was evident that significant peat extraction had taken place recently.
- It is considered that the rate of peat extraction in the area was intensive and at a commercial scale.

**Visit to Manorstar Office location 25/03/2022:**

- We called to a property owned by [REDACTED]. A [REDACTED] was present and said he worked in the business of peat extraction with [REDACTED].
  - He informed us that [REDACTED] were representing him.
  - When asked why he had not responded to the Agency letters of 2021, he stated that his Solicitor had advised him not to respond.
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**Report prepared  
by:**

John Gibbons &  
Mick Henry

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**Signed:**

*John Gibbons*  
*M. Henry*

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**Date:**

12/4/2022

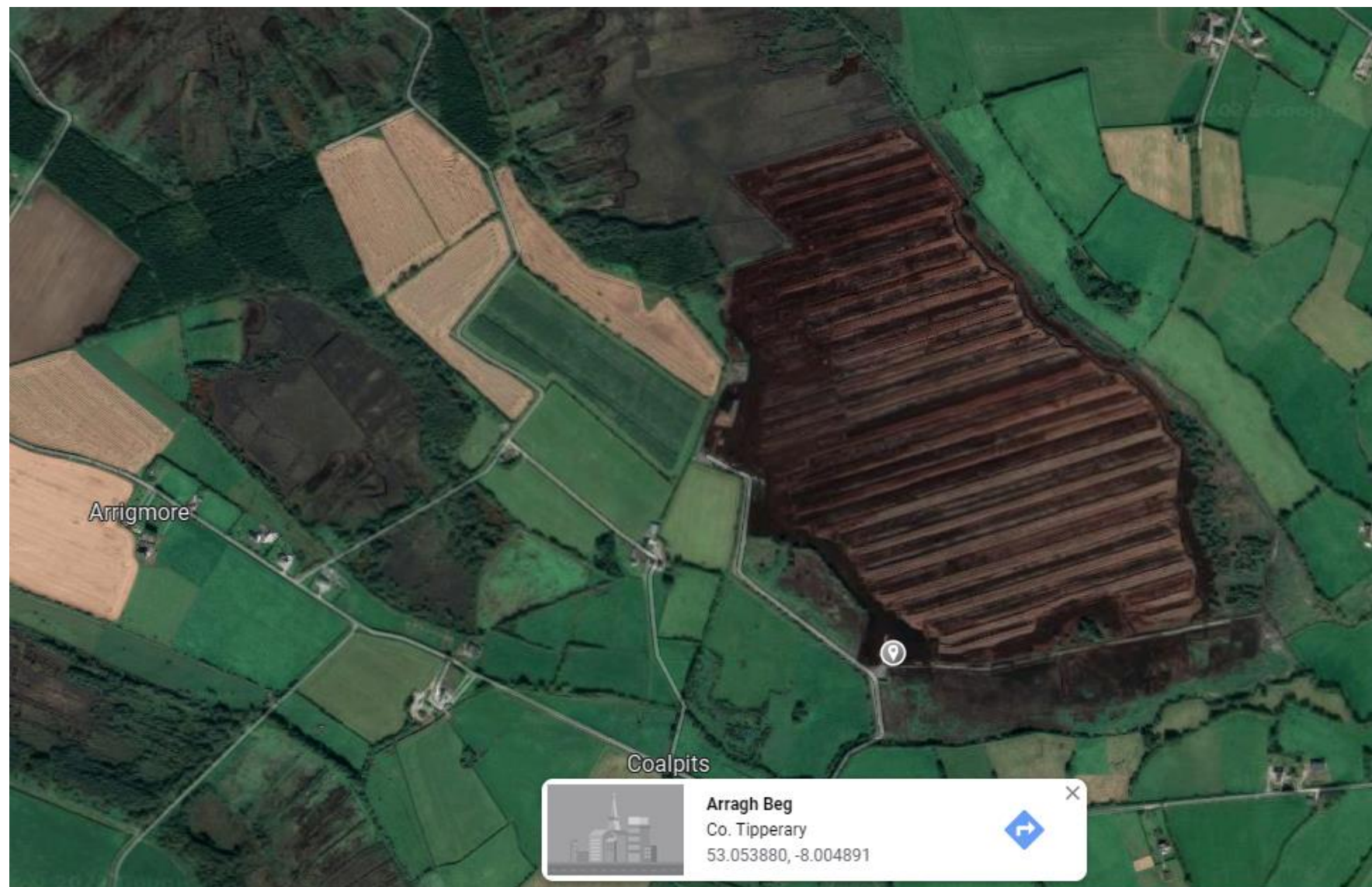
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## **Appendix 1**

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## **Appendix 2**

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**Photo 1: Large stacks of sod peat noted on the peatland**

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**Photo 2: Milled peat area with stockpile of milled peat noted in the distance.**

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**Photo 3: Excavator with recent activity noted on the peatland.**

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**Photo 4: Recent activity noted on peatland.**

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**Photo 5: Large sods drying on the peatland.**

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**Photo 6: Tractor and tracked trailer for sod peat collection noted on the bog.**

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