



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Peat Extraction in Co. Kildare

Site Address: Ballinderry, Carbury, Co. Kildare

Date of Visit: 08/06/2022

Times of Visit: 1400 to 1500

Visit Criteria: Peat extraction investigation

EPA Attendees: Mick Henry and John Gibbons

Organisation: [REDACTED]

Summary: The purpose of the visit was to



- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were been carried out on lands at the above address in Ballinderry, Carbury, Co. Kildare (Appendix 1).
- ii) To determine what activity and the location of the activities been undertaken was carried out.

Findings of site visit of 08/06/2022: The following was noted during the visit:

- This is a milled peat harvesting operation and the scale of the activity and the area involved is on a commercial scale. A peat processing and bagging plant is also located at the site (Appendix 2).
- Milled peat harvesting activity had recently taken place and machinery/equipment for harvesting peat was noted parked at the site and on the peatland. A tractor was working on the bog during the visit.
- Stockpiles of milled peat were noted at the site.
- Significant quantities of bagged material were stored at the site and an articulated vehicle was being loaded during the visit.
- During the visit we spoke with [REDACTED] (Plant Manager) and we informed him of the purpose of our visit. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] owned the bog.
- We informed [REDACTED] of the need to apply for an IPC licence if its required. [REDACTED] said there was no point in applying for an IPC licence as they didn't have planning permission.

Report prepared by: John Gibbons & Mick Henry

Signed:

Date:

13/06/22

Appendix 1



Appendix 2



Photo 1: Peat harvesting equipment noted at the site.



Photo 2: Peat harvesting equipment, peat processing/bagging plant and stockpile of peat noted at the site.



Photo 3: Peat processing/bagging plant at the site.



Photo 4: Bagged and wrapped materials stored at the site.



Photo 5: Loading of articulated vehicle noted during the visit.



Photo 6: Peatland where milled peat was extracted recently.



Photo 7: Peatland where milled peat was extracted, tractor operating in distance and peat harvesting equipment noted.
