



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Westmeath Peat Extraction

Site Address: Derrycrave Townland, County Westmeath

Date of Visit: 27/04/2022

Times of Visit: 1000 to 1020

Visit Criteria: Peat extraction investigation

EPA Attendees: Mick Henry and John Gibbons

Organisation: [REDACTED] and/or its agents

Summary: The purpose of the visits was to

- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were been carried out by [REDACTED] or its agents on lands owned and controlled by [REDACTED] or its agents in North Westmeath.
- ii) To determine what location the activities undertaken by the company or its agents was carried out at during recent months. The site visits commenced on lands that were the subject of previous site visits in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 where stockpiling of peat following extraction activity was noted.

Findings of site visit of 27/04/2022: The following was noted during the visit:

- Peat extraction machinery was noted in Area G (Appendix 1) at the Derrycrave townland where the peat was being dug up, handled and transported as noted previously.
- Three excavators and one tractor with a trailer was noted. (see Appendix 2 photographs). The tractor with trailer was noted to be drawing peat from the extraction site to the loading area.
- A water abstraction pump was noted in this area.
- The top surface of the remaining peatland had been cleared and preparatory works were noted to have taken place since the last visit.
- No peat harvesting activity was noted in Area A or Area B.

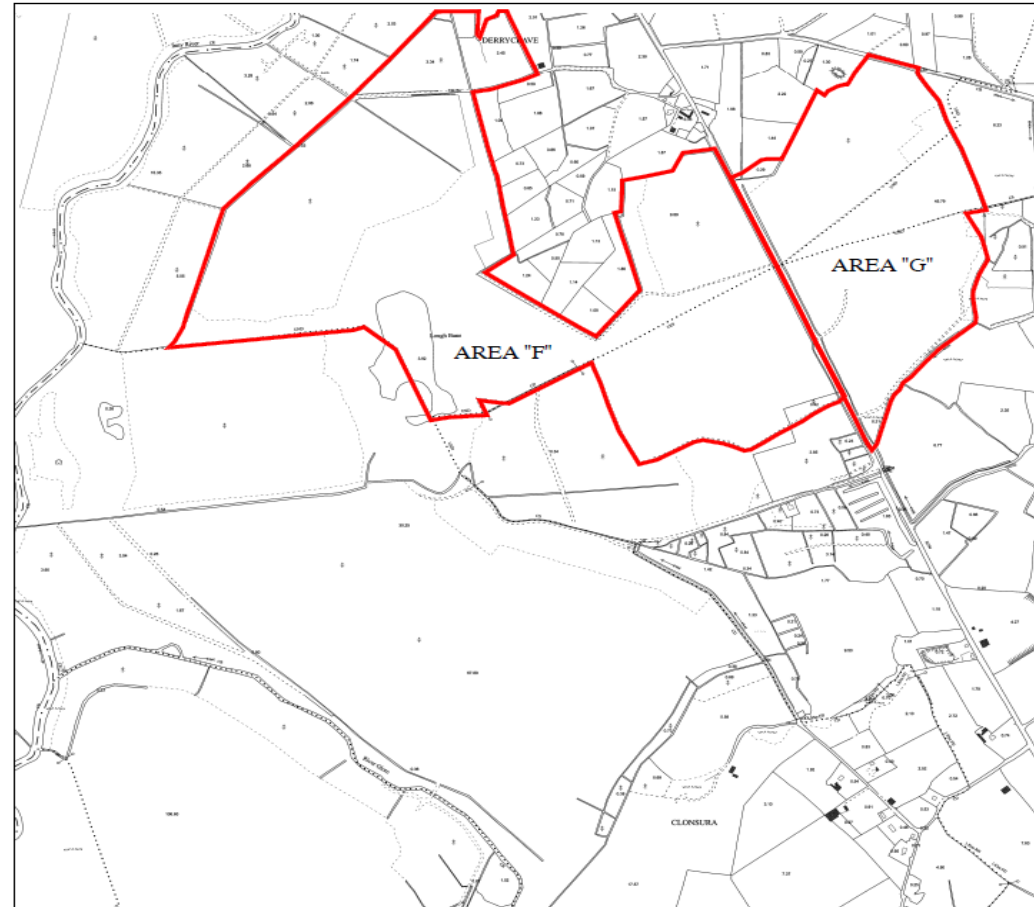
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Appendix 1



Appendix 2



Photo 1: Ongoing extraction of peat noted at Area G.



Photo 2: Preparatory works noted at Area G.



Photo 3: Excavator for excavating peat noted at Area G.



Photo 4: ponding of water, with water pump in the background noted at Area G.
