



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Westmeath Peat Extraction

Site Address: Derrycrave Townland, County Westmeath

Date of Visit: 30/06/22

Times of Visit: 0945 to 1100

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 which were the subject of recent High Court proceedings.
- ii) To determine what location the activities if any were been undertaken by the parties concerened. The site visits commenced on lands that were the subject of previous site visits in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 where peat extraction activity was previously noted.

Findings of site visit of 30/06/22: The following was noted during the visit:

- No peat extraction activity was noted at Area G (Appendix 1).
- All of the machinery associated with peat extraction had been removed (Appendix 2).
- A water abstraction pump was noted in this area but was not operational during the visit.
- The water level at Area G appeared to be higher on this occasion when compared to previous site visits to Area G.
- Some of the temporary access roadway to the excavation area had been removed.
- The gate at the main entrance to area G was closed and locked.
- No peat harvesting activity was noted in Area A or Area B.

Report prepared by: John Gibbons & Mick Henry

Signed:

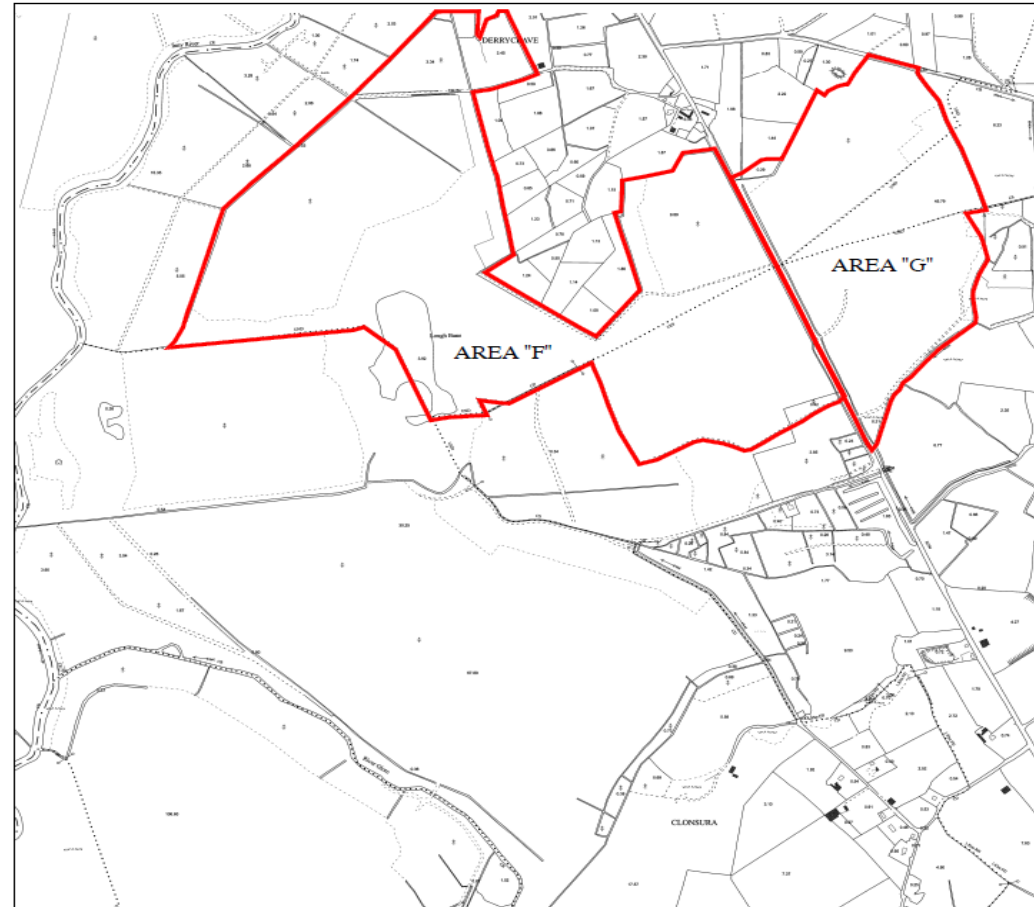
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Appendix 1



Appendix 2



Photo 1: Overview of peat extraction site within Area G.



Photo 2: Section of temporary roadway removed at Area G.



Photo 3: Peat extracted to the base of the peatland with significant ponding of water in the background (Area G).



Photo 4: Significant ponding of water noted at Area G.



Photo 5: Water abstraction pump noted at Area G.



Photo 6: Siltation noted downstream of water abstraction pump outlet at Area G.



Photo 7: Gate at main entrance to Area G was closed and locked.
