



# SITE VISIT REPORT

**Purpose of Site Visit:** Westmeath Peat Extraction

**Site Address:** Derrycrave & Shrubbywood/Ballinealoe  
Townlands, County Westmeath

**Date of Visit:** 07/09/22

**Times of Visit:** 1200 to 1235

**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 but had ceased since the stay on the injunction was lifted by the High Court.

**Findings of site visit of 07/09/22:** The following was noted during the visit:

- No peat extraction activity was noted at Area G (Appendix 1).
- No machinery associated with peat extraction was noted (Appendix 2).
- A water abstraction pump was noted in the area but was not operational during the visit.
- No peat harvesting activity was noted in Area A or Area B.

**Report prepared by:** Mick Henry &  
John Gibbons

**Signed:**

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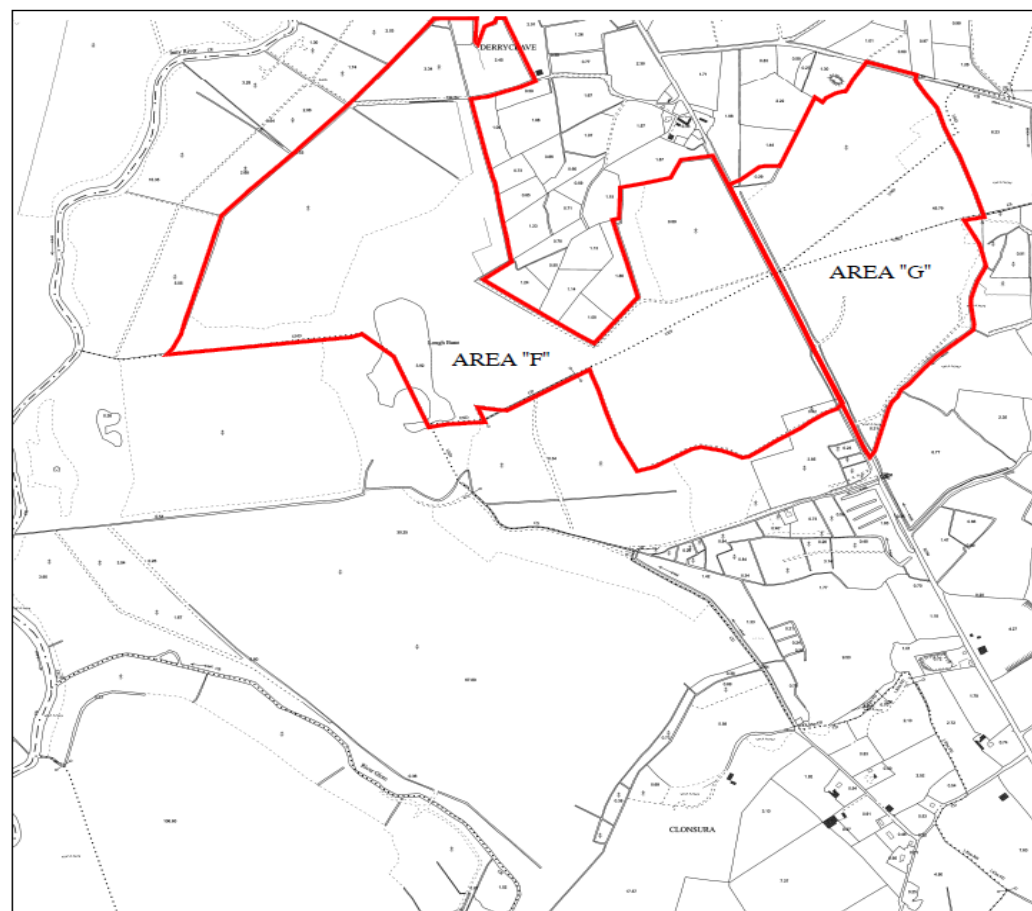
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## Appendix 1



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## **Appendix 2**

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**Photo 1: Ongoing significant ponding of water noted within Area G.**

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**Photo 2: Gate closed and locked at entrance to Area G.**

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