



# SITE VISIT REPORT

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

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

**Date of Visit:** 24/11/22

**Times of Visit:** 1230 to 1330

**Visit Criteria:** Peat extraction investigation

**EPA Attendees:** 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 24/11/22:** 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 that was previously noted in the area had been removed.
- Water levels were rising in Area G and had significantly risen since the previous visit in September.
- No peat harvesting activity was noted in Area A or Area B.

**Report prepared by:** John Gibbons

**Signed:**

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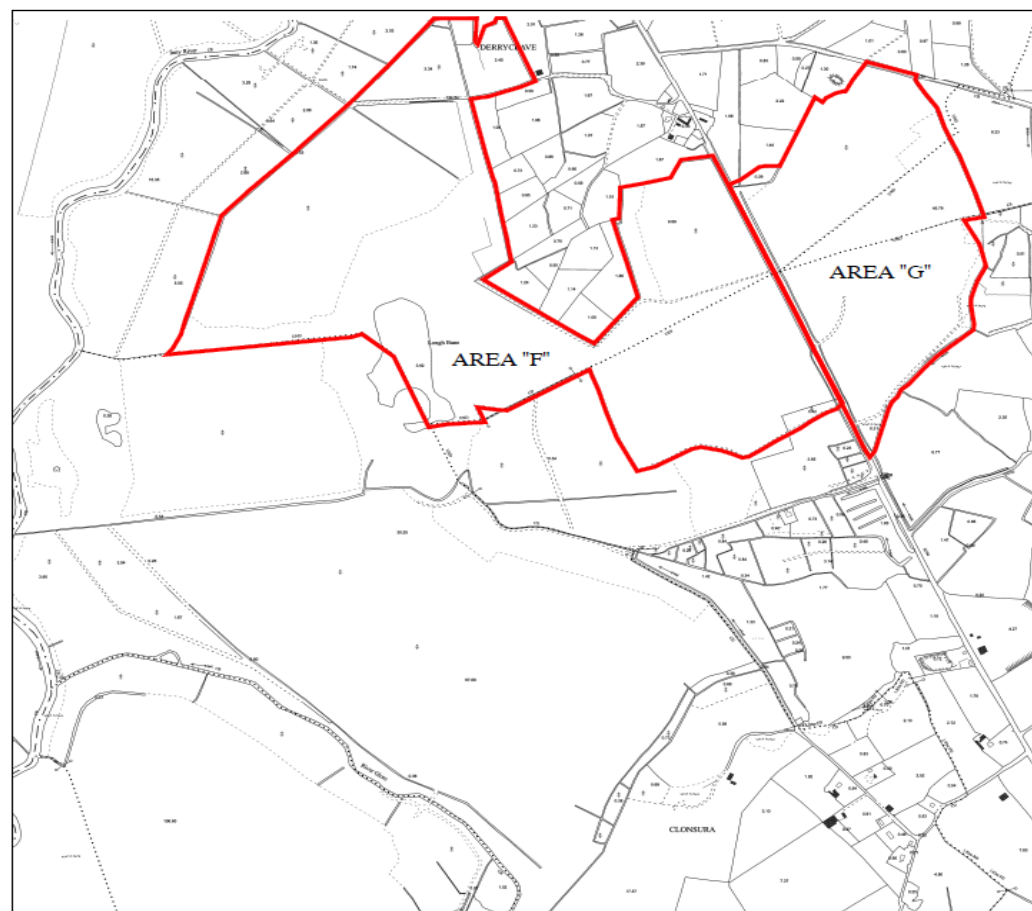
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13/12/2022

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## Appendix 1

The map displays a complex network of land parcels, each labeled with a numerical value. Two specific areas are highlighted with red outlines: 'AREA "F"' and 'AREA "G"'. 'AREA "F"' is situated in the upper central portion of the map, while 'AREA "G"' is located to its right. The map also includes several other labels: 'DERRYGLIVE' at the top, 'CLOSURA' at the bottom, and 'MOUNT KILPATRICK' on the left. The map is densely packed with numerical values representing land area or measurements.



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## **Appendix 2**

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**Photo 1: Significant ponding of water noted within Area G (7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 visit).**

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**Photo 2: Significant ponding of water noted within Area G (24<sup>th</sup> November 2022 visit).**

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**Photo 3: Water level lapping the edge of the haul road to Area G, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**

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**Photo 4: Significant water body forming 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022, at Area G.**

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**Photo 5: Location where the water pump was previously located in Area G (24<sup>th</sup> November 2022).**

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