



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Westmeath Peat Extraction

Site Address: Derrycrave Townland, County Westmeath

Date of Visit: 10/01/2022

Times of Visit: 2.30 pm to 2.45 pm

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.

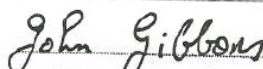

Findings of site visit of 10/01/2022: The following was noted during the visit:

- 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.
 - Four excavators and one tractor and trailer were noted. (see Appendix 2 photographs). One tractor and trailer was noted to be drawing peat from the extraction site to the loading area, unloading and then returning to the excavator to be refilled.
 - A water abstraction pump was noted in this area and it appears that the water level had risen since the previous visit in November 2021.
 - It is considered that the rate of peat extraction at Area G is consistent with that observed during recent previous visits. However a new extraction face had been opened and an additional excavator was noted on site during the visit.
 - An orange coloured lorry (Reg No [REDACTED]) with trailer and the [REDACTED] logo was noted entering the loading area and then departing the loading area at Area G at 2.45pm. This lorry was observed being loaded with peat at the loading area during the visit.
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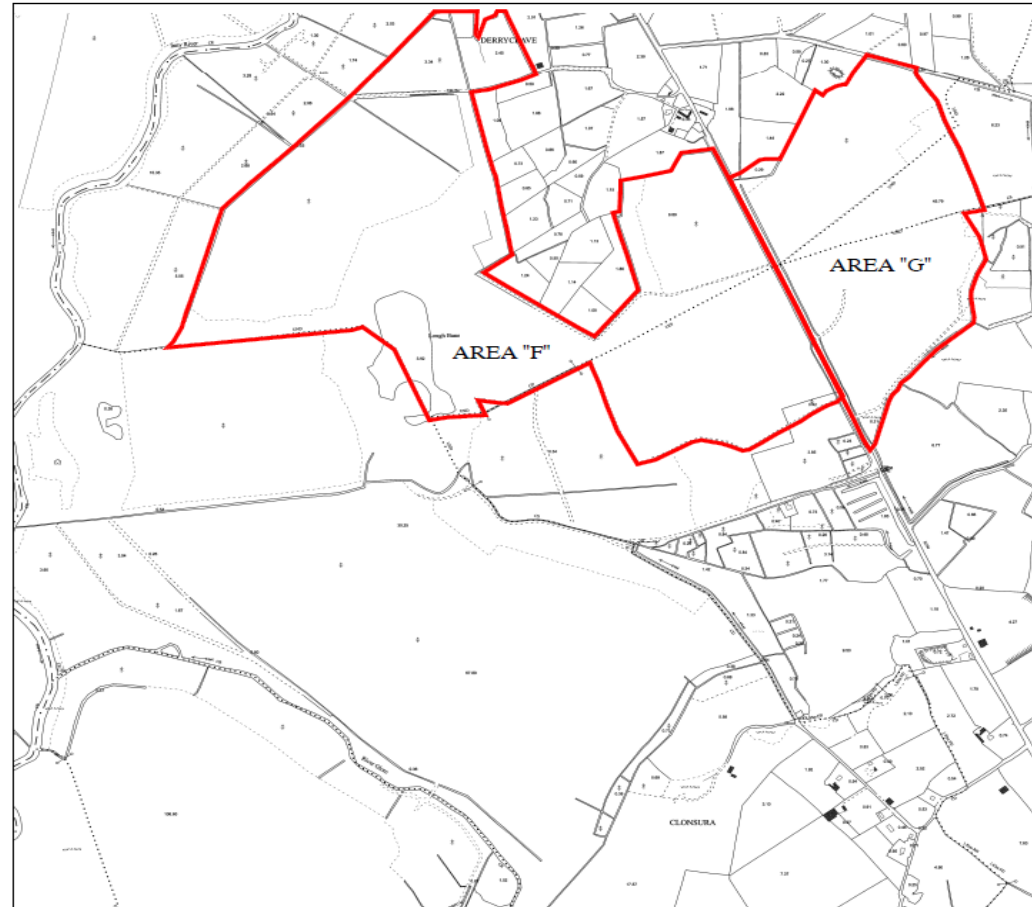
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Appendix 1



Appendix 2



Photo 1: Excavator for digging peat noted at Area G.



Photo 2: Excavator loading peat into trailer noted at Area G.



Photo 3: Peat being tipped from trailer (attached to tractor) at loading area at Area G.



Photo 4: Excavators, road making materials and lorry at loading area at Area G.



Photo 5: Excavator loading peat into lorry at loading area at Area G.
