



# SITE VISIT REPORT

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

**Site Address:** Derrycrave Townland, County Westmeath

**Date of Visit:** 10/06/22

**Times of Visit:** 0930 to 1130

**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

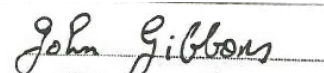
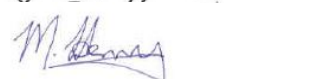
- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were been carried out by [REDACTED] or its agents on lands owned and controlled by [REDACTED] or its agents in North Westmeath.
- ii) To determine what location the activities undertaken by the company or its agents was carried out at during recent months. 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 10/06/22:** The following was noted during the visit:

- Three excavators and one tractor with a trailer was noted at Area G (Appendix 1).
- One of the excavators (Appendix 2) was noted to be excavating peat from the peatland and placing the peat in the trailer which was attached to the tractor. The peat was then hauled up to the loading area where the peat was tipped/unloaded. A second excavator was noted at the loading area.
- A water abstraction pump was noted in this area.
- The water level at Area G appeared to be lower on this occasion when compared to previous site visits to Area G.
- No peat harvesting activity was noted in Area A or Area B.

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

**Signed:**

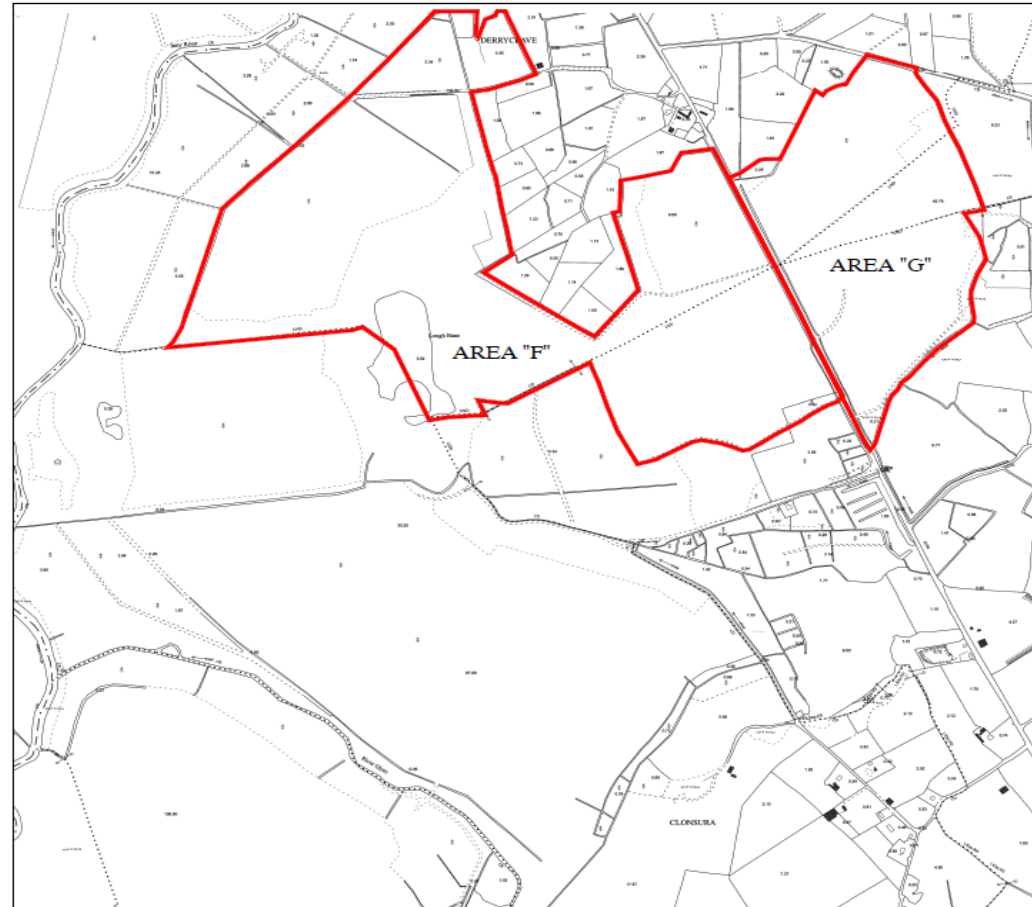
  


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## Appendix 1



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## **Appendix 2**

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**Photo 1: Ongoing extraction of peat noted, the excavated peat was placed into trailer attached to tractor (Area G).**

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**Photo 2: Tractor and trailer hauling the excavated peat to the loading area at Area G.**

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**Photo 3: Unloading of the excavated peat at the loading area at Area G.**

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