



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Peat Extraction in Co Longford

Site Address: Derrymore, Ardagh Co Longford

Date of Visit: 16/09/2022

Times of Visit: 1400 to 1445

Visit Criteria: Peat extraction investigation

EPA Attendees: Mick Henry and John Gibbons

Organisation

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██ and/or its agents

Summary: The purpose of the visit was to

- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were being carried out by the above or their agents on lands owned and controlled by the above named parties or their agents in Co Longford.
- ii) To determine what location the activities undertaken by the above or their agents was carried out at during recent months.

Findings of site visit of 16/09/2022: The following was noted during the visit on lands that were the subject of previous visits in 2021 and 2022:

- No peat extraction/harvesting was taking place during the visit.
- Peat harvesting machinery was noted at the peatland and this included trailers, milling attachments, loaders/elevators, etc.
- Significant quantities of milled peat had been collected at the loading area since the previous visit in July 2022. Two large stockpiles of milled peat were noted at the loading area.
- It was noted that peat had been excavated down to the marl at the centre of the peatland and the marl was exposed at these locations.
- A quantity of sod-peat was noted at the nort/north west section of the peatland.
- A lorry with a North of Ireland registration (██████████) entered the area during the visit and parked alongside the milled peat stockpile. A digger for loading the peat was in place on top of the stockpile.

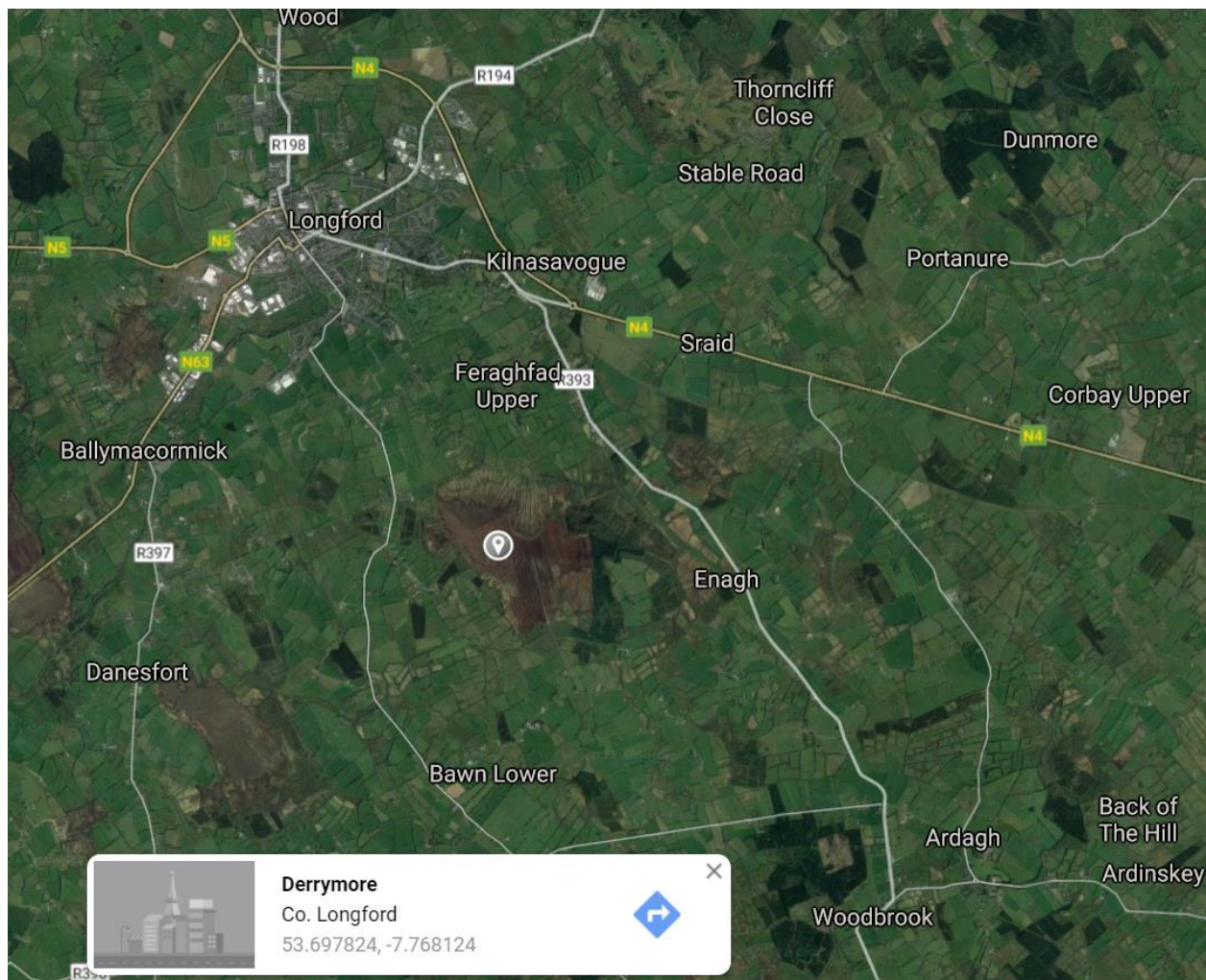
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Appendix 1





Appendix 2



Photo 1: Recent milled peat area noted at the eastern side of the peatland.



Photo 2: Exposed marl noted on the peatland.



Photo 3: Marl exposed on the peatland.



Photo 4: Marl exposed on the peatland.



Photo 5: Excavated large sod peat left out on the peatland for drying.



Photo 6: Significant stockpiles of milled peat noted during the visit.



Photo 7: Milled peat harvesting machinery noted during the visit



Photo 8: Lorry awaiting loading at the milled peat stockpiles.
