



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Peat Extraction in Co Longford

Site Address: Derrymore, Ardagh Co Longford

Date of Visit: 21/07/2022

Times of Visit: 1400 to 1500

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 visits was to

- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were been 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 21/07/2022: The following was noted during the visit on lands that were the subject of previous visits in 2021 and 2022:

- Peat excavation machinery was noted in the area (Appendix 1) at the Derrymore townland where an extensive area of bog was being worked (sod peat and milling) for transport off-site.
- A number of tractors, excavators, trailers, milling attachments and an elevator for collecting and loading the milled peat onto trailers was noted working on the peatland.
- Milling and collection of milled peat was taking place when we entered the peatland.
- An excavator was noted on a large stockpile of milled peat at the loading area. This stockpile was not present during the previous visit in April 2022.
- Significant quantities of sod peat had been removed since the previous visit in April 2022. Milling and collecting of peat was on-going on this area of the peatland during this visit.
- A significant quantity of sod-peat was noted along the edges and in the north western corner of the peatland.

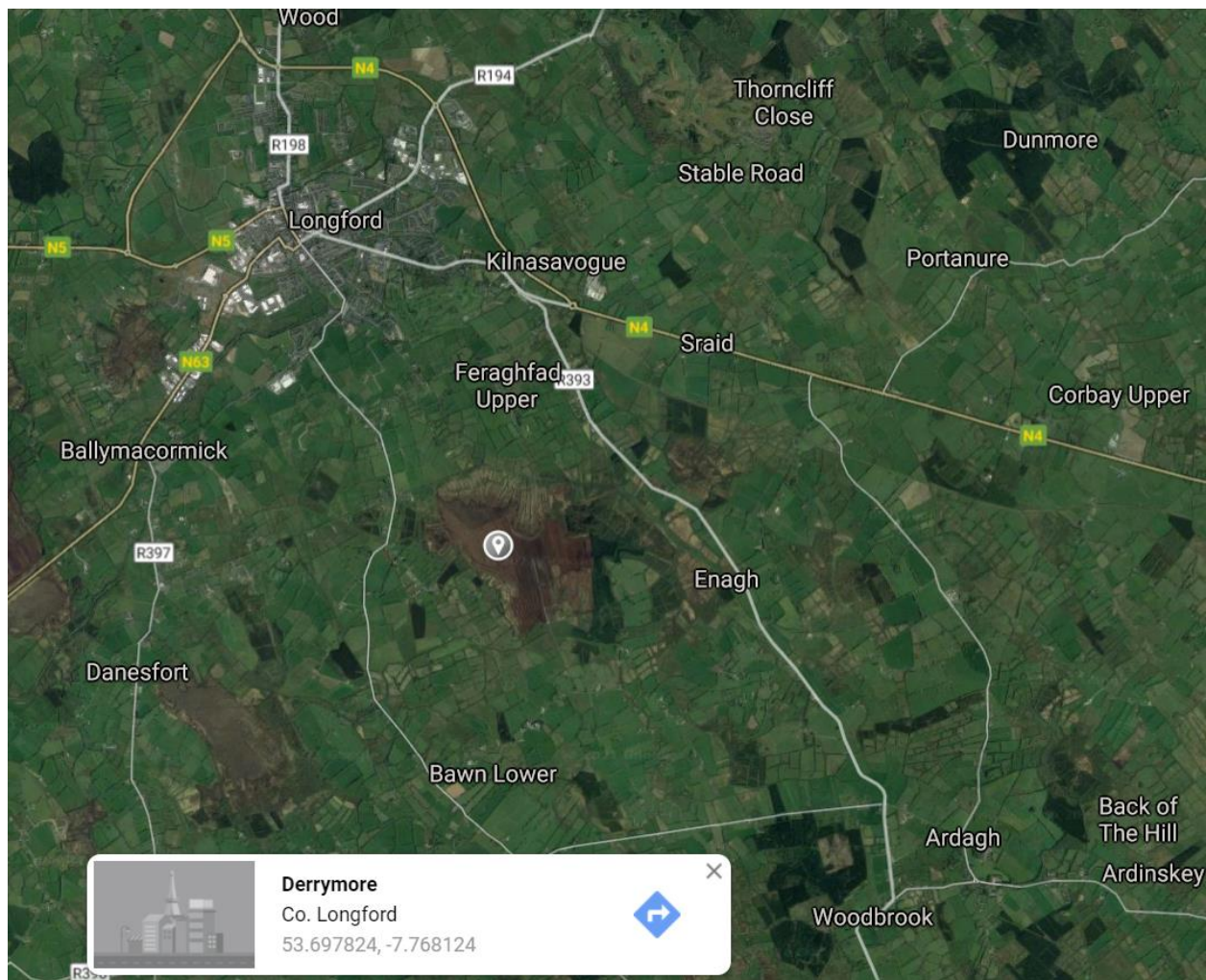
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22/07/2022

Appendix 1





Appendix 2



Photo 1: Recent sod and milled peat noted at northern section of the peatland.



Photo 2: Collection of milled peat noted.



Photo 3: Milled peat harvesting noted



Photo 4: Recently excavated large sod peat left out on the peatland for drying noted.



Photo 5: Milled peat harvesting on-going during the visit noted
