



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Peat Extraction in Co Longford

Site Address: Derrymore, Ardagh Co Longford

Date of Visit: 27/04/2022

Times of Visit: 1500 to 1625

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 visits of 27/04/2022: The following was noted during the visit:

- Peat excavation machinery was noted in the area (Appendix 1) at Derrymore townland where an extensive area of bog was being worked (sod peat and milling) for transport off-site.
 - Milling of peat was taking place when we entered the peatland and it was noted to cease soon after our arrival.
 - Chipping of wood and clearing of a wooded area was and had taken place.
 - An excavator was carrying out preparatory works in advance of sod peat excavation.
 - Hopper peat was recently excavated and left on the bog to dry.
 - Significant quantities of sod peat was walled awaiting collection and removal off-site.
 - ██████████ approached us during the inspection. We outlined to him the purpose of the visit. ██████████ was irate, and he stated he was the owner of part of the peatland and had worked the area as peat business for 30 years. ██████████ said he was aware he was breaking the law and of the regulatory needs but he had to continue working the peatland to meet his financial commitments.
 - ██████████ stated that a ██████████ and a ██████████ owned part of the peatland but he was carrying out the activity of peat extraction on the whole area of peatland.
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**Report prepared
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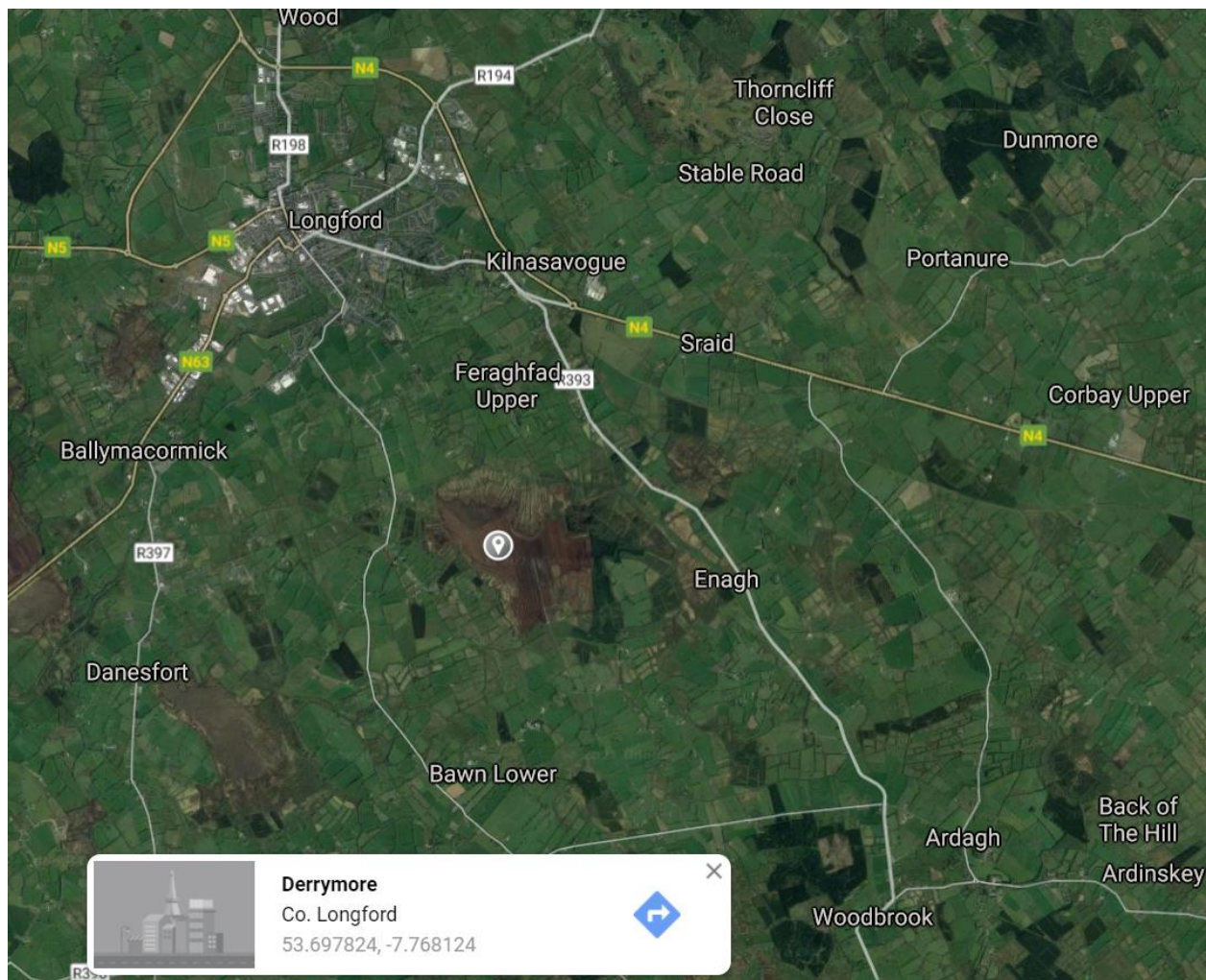
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04/05/2022

Appendix 1





Appendix 2



Photo 1: Sod peat walled prior to removal off the peatland noted.



Photo 2: Recently milled peat area noted.



Photo 3: Milled peat with excavator in the distant background preparing for sod peat excavation noted



Photo 4: Recently excavated hopper peat spread out on the peatland for harvesting noted.



Photo 5: Recently excavated large sod peat noted
