



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Longford/Westmeath Unlicensed Peat Extraction

Site Address: Kilsallagh, Lissanure, Derrydooan Lower, Newpass, Aghnavealogue Townlands County Longford/Westmeath.

Date of Visit: 17/05/2022

Times of Visits: 15:30 to 16:15 on 17/05/2022.

Visit Criteria: Peat extraction investigation

EPA Attendee: Mick Henry and John Gibbons

Organisation: [REDACTED], its agents or associated companies

Summary: The purpose of the visit was to

- 1.) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were being carried out by [REDACTED], its agents or associated companies on lands owned, controlled or associated with [REDACTED], its agents or associated companies which are included in a written undertaking between the EPA and [REDACTED] (dated 20th July 2021).
- 2.) To determine what location the activities undertaken by the companies or its agents was carried out at during recent months. The site visit commenced on lands (Area 4) where sod peat had been excavated and stockpiling of peat following milling and digging extraction activity was previously noted.

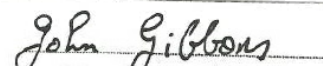

Findings of site visit of 17/05/2022: The following was noted during this visit:

- 1.) We went to an area of peatland at the Co. Longford section of Area 4 and noted that sod peat extraction activity was taking place.
- 2.) Inspector Henry went onto the peatland where he noted that a number of new rows of sod peat not previously noted were present.
- 3.) Inspector Henry also observed two excavators with attachments for sod peat extraction working on arrival at the peatland. The excavators stopped working shortly after his arrival.

Report prepared by:

John Gibbons &
Mick Henry

Signed:

Date:

19/05/22

Appendix 1



Appendix 2



Photo 1: Two excavators extracting sod peat at Area 4.



Photo 2: Sod peat excavators stopped working shortly after arrival onto peatland at Area 4.



Photo 3: Recently excavated sod peat at Area 4.
