



# SITE VISIT REPORT

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

**Site Address:** Monaincha, Thesheehys and Corville townlands,  
Roscrea, Co Tipperary

**Date of Visit:** 25/03/2022

**Times of Visit:** 1230 to 1400

**Visit Criteria:** Peat extraction investigation

**EPA Attendees:** Mick Henry and John Gibbons

**Summary:** The purpose of the visit was to

- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were being carried out on lands at Thesheehys and Corville townlands, Roscrea, Co Tipperary.
- ii) To determine what activity and the location of the activities been undertaken was carried out at during recent months. The site visit commenced on lands that were the subject of site visits and correspondence from the Agency in 2021 where extraction of peat on a commercial scale was noted.

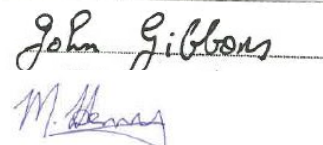
**Findings of site visit of 25/03//2022:** The following was noted during the visit:

- Peat extraction machinery was noted in the area (Appendix 1) at the above locations where the peat had been dug up (large sods), stockpiled in rows prior to being removed to a loading area and was now being loaded onto lorries for export.
- Machinery for peat harvesting (excavators, bog hogs, milling machinery, tracked dumpers) were noted (see Appendix 2 photographs).
- A significant area of sod peat had been cleared of sods since our last visit.
- Some sod peat was noted to be left out for drying on the peatland.
- It is considered that the rate of peat extraction in the area was intensive and at a commercial scale.

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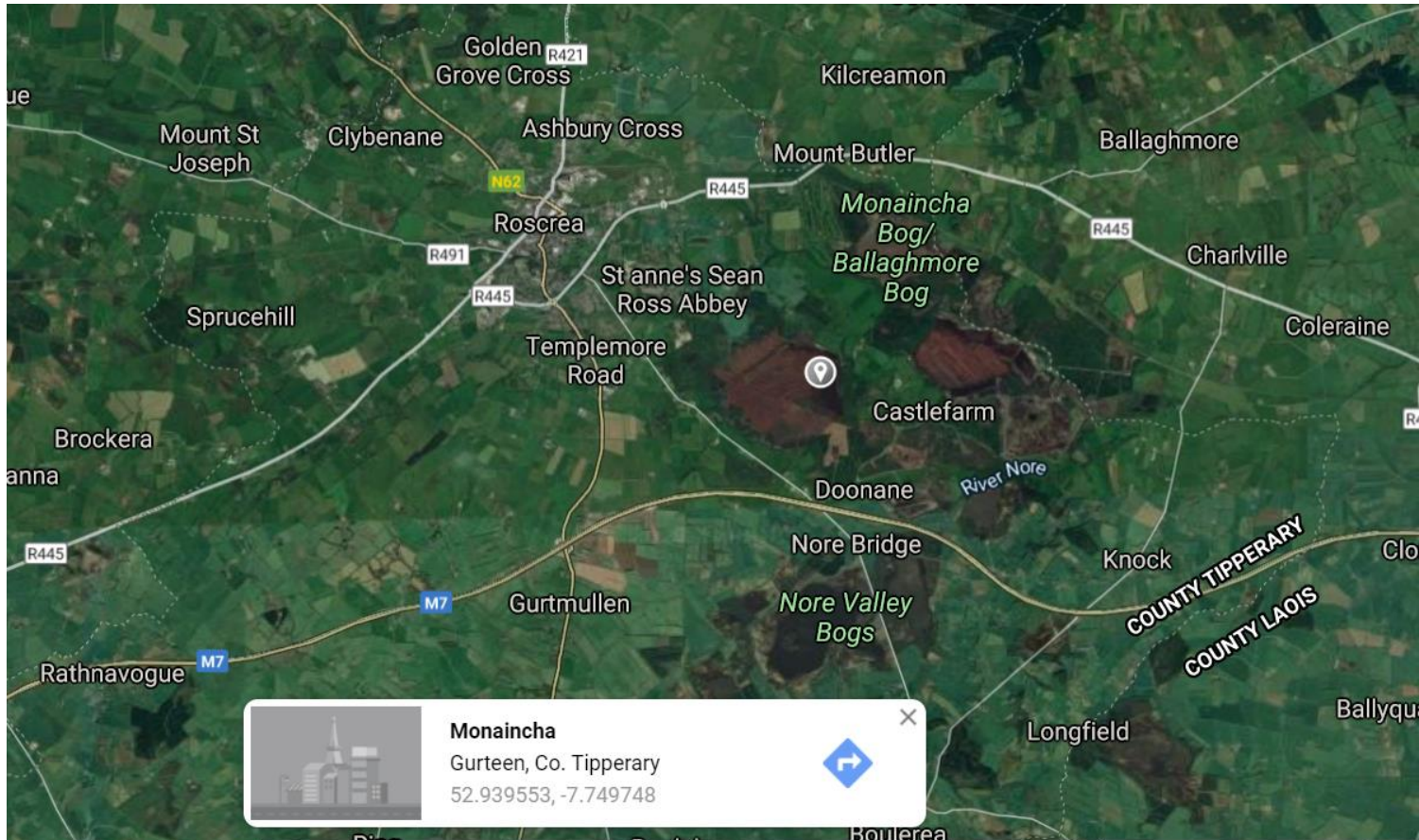


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## Appendix 1



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## **Appendix 2**

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**Photo 1: Excavators, dumpers and lorries noted at the loading area.**

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**Photo 2: Excavator loading lorries noted at the loading area.**

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**Photo 3: Rows of large sod peat out for drying noted.**

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**Photo 4: Area that has been recently cleared of sod peat noted.**

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