



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Peat Extraction in Co. Offaly

Site Address: Walsh Island, The Forge, Co. Offaly

Date of Visit: 12/05/2022

Times of Visit: 1520 to 1545

Visit Criteria: Peat extraction investigation

EPA Attendees: Mick Henry and John Gibbons

Organisation: [REDACTED] and/or its agents

Summary: The purpose of the visit was to

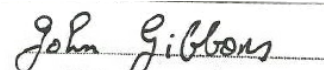
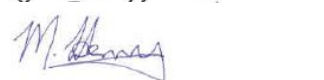
- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were been carried out on lands at Walsh Island, The Forge, Co. Offaly (Appendix 1).
- ii) To determine what activity and the location of the activities been undertaken was carried out at during recent months.

Findings of site visit of 12/05/2022: The following was noted during the visit:

- Preparatory works were ongoing on the peatland.
- Peat harvesting machinery was noted and a tractor with a tiller was recently used on the peatland (Appendix 2).
- Stockpiles of milled peat were noted at a loading area adjacent to the main entrance.
- We spoke to two men who were driving machines on the peatland and they informed us they were working for [REDACTED].

Report prepared by: John Gibbons & Mick Henry

Signed:

Date:

16/05/2022

Appendix 1



Appendix 2



Photo 1: Preparatory works ongoing on the peatland.



Photo 2: Machinery for tilling peat noted on the peatland.



Photo 3: Stockpile of milled peat noted adjacent to the entrance to the peatland.
