

Purpose of Site Visit:

Site Address:

Date of Visit:

Times of Visit:

Visit Criteria:

EPA Attendees:

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SITE VISIT REPORT

Peat Extraction in Co. Kildare

Ballinderry, Carbury, Co. Kildare

Peat extraction investigation

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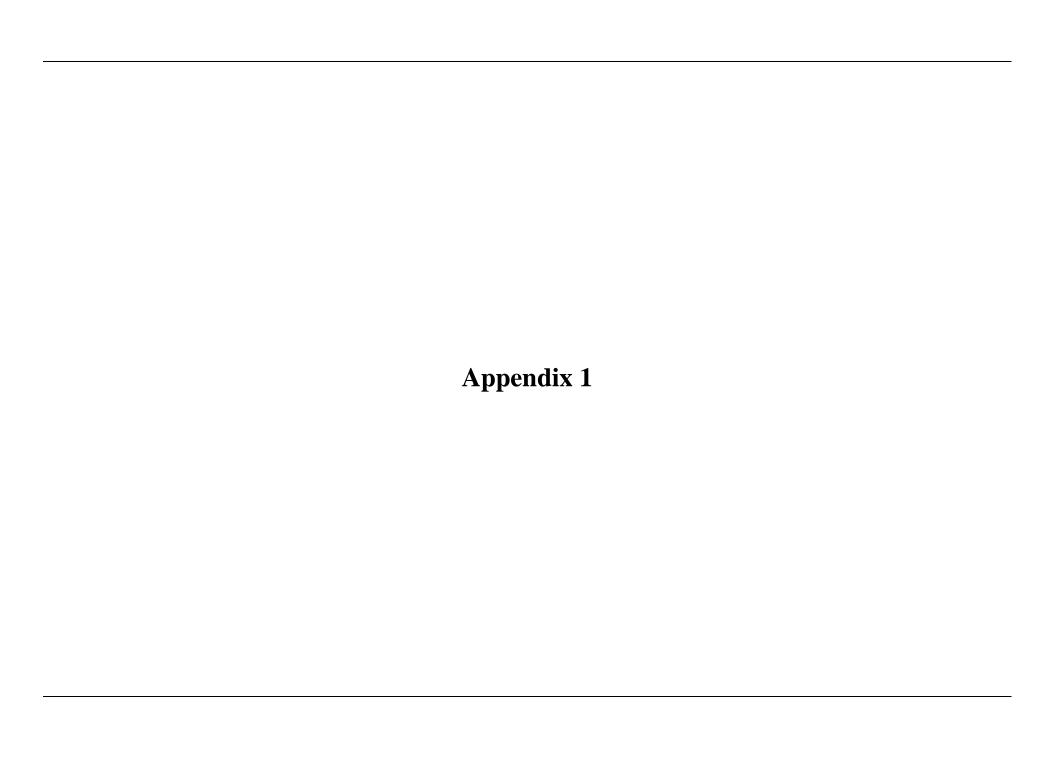
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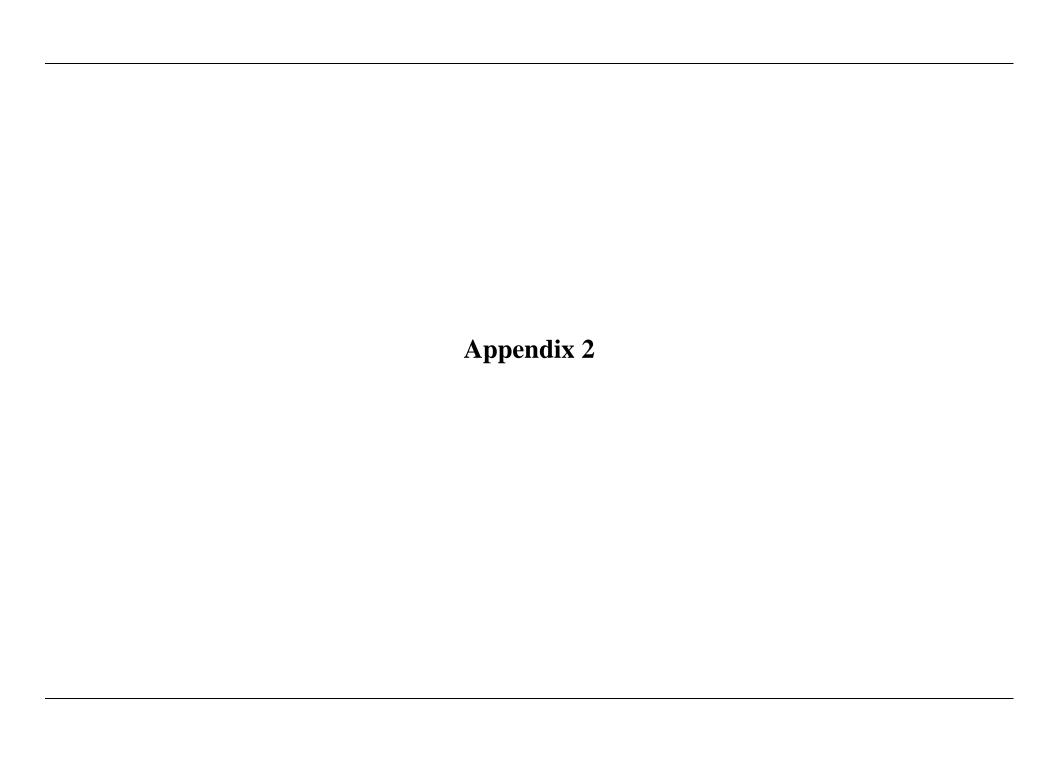
Suni)	mmary: The purpose of the visit was to Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were being carried out on lands at the above address in Ballinderry, Carbury, Co. Kildare (Appendix 1). To determine what activities and the location of the activities being undertaken were carried out.
Fir	 • This is a milled peat harvesting operation and the scale of the activity and the area involved is on a commercial scale. A peat processing and bagging plant is also located at the site. • During the visit we spoke with peatland in 2022. • Milled peat harvesting activity was noted to have recently taken place on some parts of the peatland. • Machinery/equipment for harvesting peat was noted on the peatland and also parked at the site. • Significant accumulations of solids were noted in the drainage network at the South Eastern corner of the peatland. • Large stockpiles of milled peat were noted at the site. • Significant quantities of bagged material were stored at the site.
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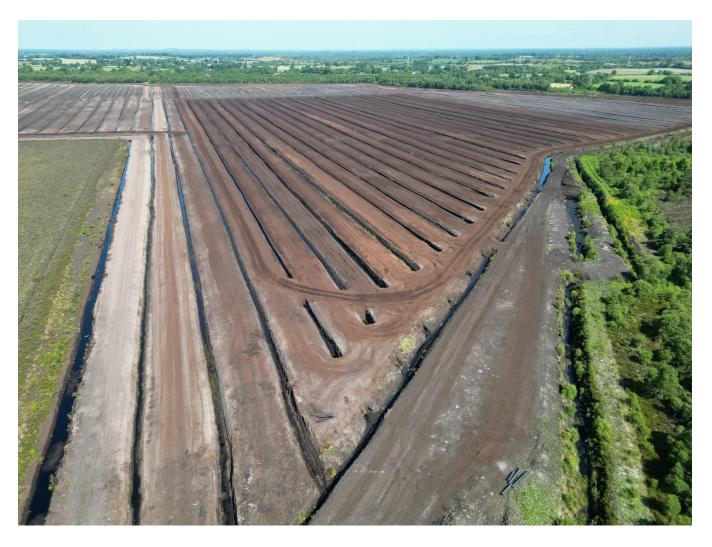


Photo 1: Photograph of the 'worked area' of the peatland.

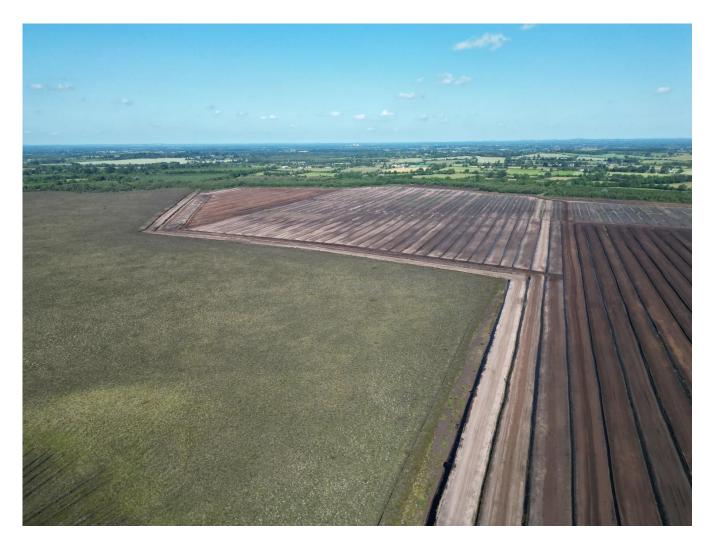


Photo 2: Photograph of the 'worked area' of the peatland and the untouched adjacent peatland.

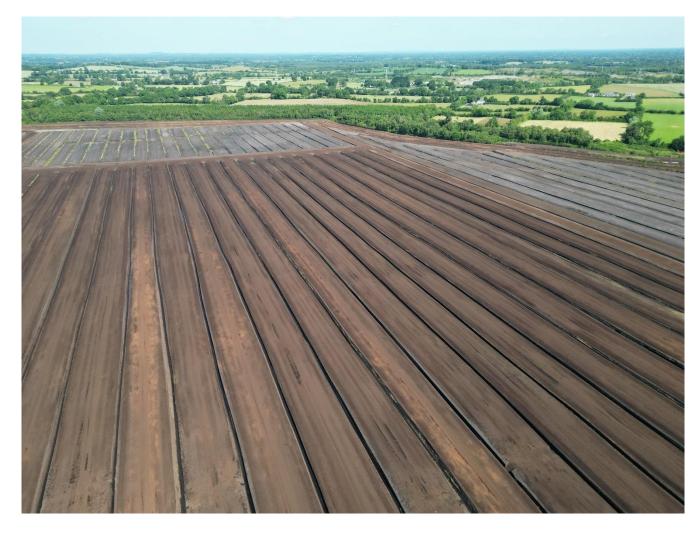


Photo 3: Photograph of a section of the 'worked area' of the peatland showing peat extraction rows and drainage channels.



Photo 4: Photograph of the 'worked area' of the peatland and the untouched adjacent peatland.



Photo 5: Photograph of the processing and bagging plant, stockpiles of milled peat and storage areas.



Photo 6: Significant accumulation of solids noted in drainage network at the peatland.



Photo 7: Significant accumulation of solids noted in drainage network at the peatland.



Photo 8: Photograph showing recent extraction of peat on the peatland.



Photo 9: Photograph showing excavator and rows of 'ridged' milled peat on the peatland.



Photo 10: Photograph showing peat harvesting equipment parked adjacent to the bagging/processing plant at the peatland.