



# SITE VISIT REPORT

**Purpose of Site Visit:** Peat Extraction in Co. Kildare

**Site Address:** Ballinderry, Carbury, Co. Kildare

**Date of Visit:** 22/06/2023

**Times of Visit:** 1030 to 1330

**Visit Criteria:** Peat extraction investigation

**EPA Attendees:** Mick Henry and Simon Buckley

**Organisation:** [REDACTED]

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

- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were being carried out on lands at the above address in Ballinderry, Carbury, Co. Kildare (Appendix 1).
- ii) To determine what activities and the location of the activities being undertaken were carried out.

**Findings of site visit of 22/06/2023:** The following was noted during the visit:

- 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 [REDACTED] (Plant Manager) and we informed him of the purpose of our visit. [REDACTED] stated that they had ceased extracting peat on some sections of the 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.

**Report prepared by:** Mick Henry & Simon Buckley

**Signed:**

 

**Date:**

28/06/23

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## **Appendix 1**

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## **Appendix 2**

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**Photo 1: Photograph of the ‘worked area’ of the peatland.**

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**Photo 2: Photograph of the ‘worked area’ of the peatland and the untouched adjacent peatland.**

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

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**Photo 4: Photograph of the ‘worked area’ of the peatland and the untouched adjacent peatland.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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