



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Peat Extraction in Co. Kildare

Site Address: Ballinderry, Carbury, Co. Kildare

Date of Visit: 24/08/2023

Times of Visit: 1015 to 1205

Visit Criteria: Peat extraction investigation

EPA Attendees: Mick Henry and Kealan Reynolds

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 24/08/2023: The following was noted during the visit:

- It was noted that peat harvesting/extraction was taking place in the middle upper section of the peatland during the visit.
- Two tractors were noted to be working on the peatland, one tractor had a milling attachment and one had a harrowing attachment.
- During the visit we spoke with [REDACTED] (Plant Manager) and we informed him of the purpose of our visit.
- Machinery/equipment for harvesting and extracting peat was noted to be parked at the site.
- The bagging plant was in operation during the visit.
- 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 & Kealan Reynolds

Signed:




Date:

25/08/23

Appendix 1



Appendix 2



Photo 1: Peat extraction/harvesting noted to be taking place on the peatland during the visit.



Photo 2: Peat extraction/harvesting being carried out on the peatland.



Photo 3: Two tractors with milling/harrowing attachments noted to be carrying out peat extraction/harvesting at the peatland.



Photo 4: Photograph of a section of the ‘worked area’ in the middle/upper part of the peatland.



Photo 5: Photograph of a section (darker brown colour) of the South West/Western part of the peatland where peat extraction/harvesting had recently taken place.



Photo 6: Machinery/equipment for peat extraction/harvesting parked at the peatland.
