



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Peat Extraction on bogs in Co. Westmeath

Site Address: Ballymaglavy, Abbeyshrule Co Westmeath

Date of Visit: 23/05/2023

Times of Visit: 1345 to 1405

Visit Criteria: Peat extraction investigation

EPA Attendees: Mick Henry

Organisation: [REDACTED] and or its agents

Summary: The purpose of the visit was to

- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were being carried out by one or more parties at the above address in Co Westmeath.
- ii) The site visit commenced on lands where excavation, turning and stockpiling of sodpeat following extraction activity was noted.

Findings of site visit of 23/05/2023: The following was noted during the visit:

- No peat excavation was noted to be taking place on the peatland during the visit.
- Large sod peat was noted to be stacked and left on the peatland for drying.
- An attachment for excavating large sod peat was noted on the peatland and it had the letters 'RQ' on it.
- An area of the peatland at the southern end had been recently cleared and an excavator was noted to be parked there.

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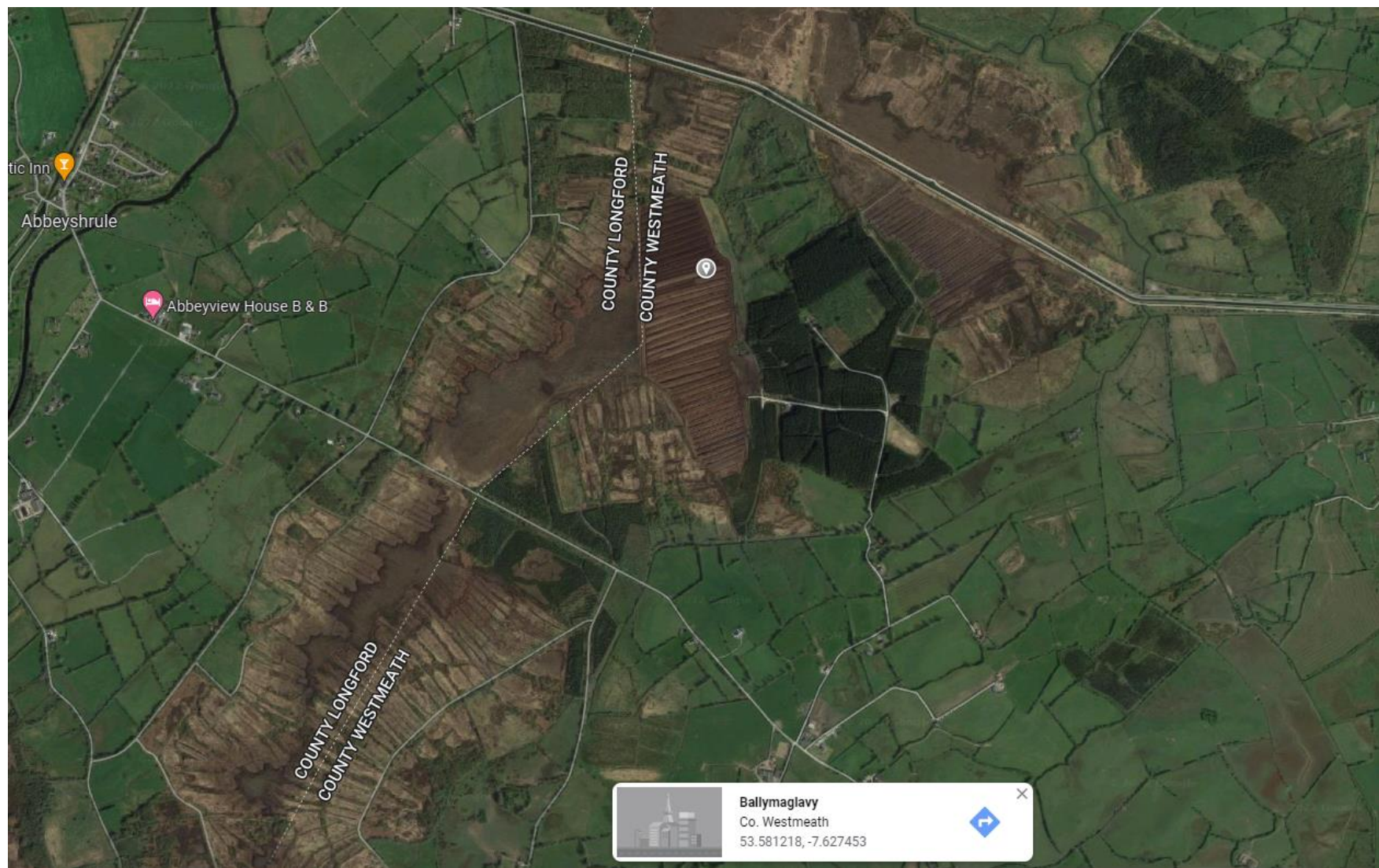
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15/06/2023

Appendix 1



Appendix 2



Photo 1 : Large sod peat which was excavated and left on the peatland to dry.



Photo 2: Large sod peat drying on the peatland.



Photo 3: Attachment for excavation of large sod peat noted on the peatland.



Photo 4: Recently cleared area at southern section of peatland, with excavator noted in the distance.
