



# SITE VISIT REPORT

**Purpose of Site Visit:** Peat Extraction on bog in Co. Offaly

**Site Address:** Bunnagappagh, The Forge, Co Offaly

**Date of Visit:** 01<sup>st</sup> August 2023

**Times of Visit:** 11:45 to 12:00

**Visit Criteria:** Peat extraction investigation

**EPA Attendees:** Mick Henry & Kealan Reynolds

**Organisation:** [REDACTED] and or its agents

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


- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were been carried out by [REDACTED] or its agents on lands owned and controlled by [REDACTED] and or its agents in Co Offaly.
- ii) The site visit commenced on lands where excavation, milling and stockpiling of peat following extraction activity was noted.

**Findings of site visit of 01/08/2023:** The following was noted during the visit:

- Peat extraction and harvesting machinery was noted on the peatland at the loading area.
- Large sod peat was noted to had been dug up, stacked and left for drying on the peatland.
- A stockpile of large sod peat was noted at the loading area.
- Machinery and equipment for peat extraction and harvesting (e.g. excavators, elevator for loading the large sod peat, tractors and trailers) was noted at this location.
- No peat extraction was taking place at the time of the visit.

**Report prepared by:** Mick Henry & Kealan Reynolds

**Signed:**



**Date:**

04/08/23

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## **Appendix 1**

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## **Appendix 2**

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**Photo 1: Stockplie of large sod peat noted at loading area.**





**Photo 2: Excavator (with Gorman Earthworks Ireland Ltd logo) at the loading area.**

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**Photo 3: Large sod peat stacked on the peatland for drying.**

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**Photo 4: Elevator for loading the sod peat noted at the loading area.**

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**Photo 5: Temporary road structures noted at the loading area.**

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