



# SITE VISIT REPORT

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

**Site Address:** Clonuff & Ballina, Broadford, Moyvalley, Co. Kildare

**Date of Visit:** 13/07/23

**Times of Visit:** 11.05am – 11.50am

**Visit Criteria:** Peat extraction investigation

**EPA Attendee:** Simon Buckley and Kealan Reynolds

**Organisation** To be confirmed

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

- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were being carried on on lands in Co Kildare.

## Findings of site visit of 13/07/2023:

- There were two distinct areas of bog which did not appear to be joined by road, these are named Area 1 and Area 2.

### Area 1

- Peat extraction/harvesting was not taking place during the visit.
- A stockpile of milled peat was noted on the southern boundary of the Area 1 peatland.
- Whilst there was no peat extraction/harvesting taking place during the visit it did appear that milled peat extraction had taken place in recent times.

### Area 2

- Peat extraction/harvesting was not taking place during the visit.
- Stockpiles of milled peat were noted at the southern and northern end of this area.
- There was some machinery at the southern part of this area including a tractor, an excavator and a pick-up wagon for harvesting peat.
- Large parts of Area 2 appeared to be not worked in recent times as there was a lot of fresh growth and greenery across the area.

**Report prepared by:** Simon Buckley  
Kealan Reynolds

**Signed:**

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**Date:**

19/07/2023

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## **Appendix 1**

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## **Appendix 2**

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*Photo 1 – Area 1 and Area 2 viewed from the east.*



*Photo 2 - Area 1 evidence of recent tilled peat extraction.*

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*Photo 3 – Milled peat stockpile noted at Area 1*



*Photo 4 – Area 1 looking south with stockpile of milled peat noted at southern edge of peatland*

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*Photo 5 – Stockpile of milled peat and machinery at southern end of Area 2*



*Photo 6 – Stockpile of milled peat at northern end of Area 2*