



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Westmeath Peat Extraction

Site Address: Derrycrave & Shrubbywood/Ballinealoe
Townlands, County Westmeath

Date of Visit: 23/05/2023

Times of Visit: 1010 to 1045

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 been carried out by [REDACTED] or its agents on lands owned and controlled by [REDACTED] or its agents in North Westmeath which were the subject of recent High Court proceedings.
- ii) To determine what location the activities if any were been undertaken by the parties concerned. The site visits commenced on lands that were the subject of previous site visits in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 where peat extraction activity was previously noted but had ceased since the stay on the injunction was lifted by the High Court.

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

- No peat extraction activity was noted at Area G.
- No machinery associated with peat extraction was noted.
- Visible cracking and drying of the peatland was noted in parts of Area G.
- Water levels appeared to have lowered in recent times in Area G.
- No peat extraction activity was noted in Area A or Area B.

Report prepared by: Mick Henry

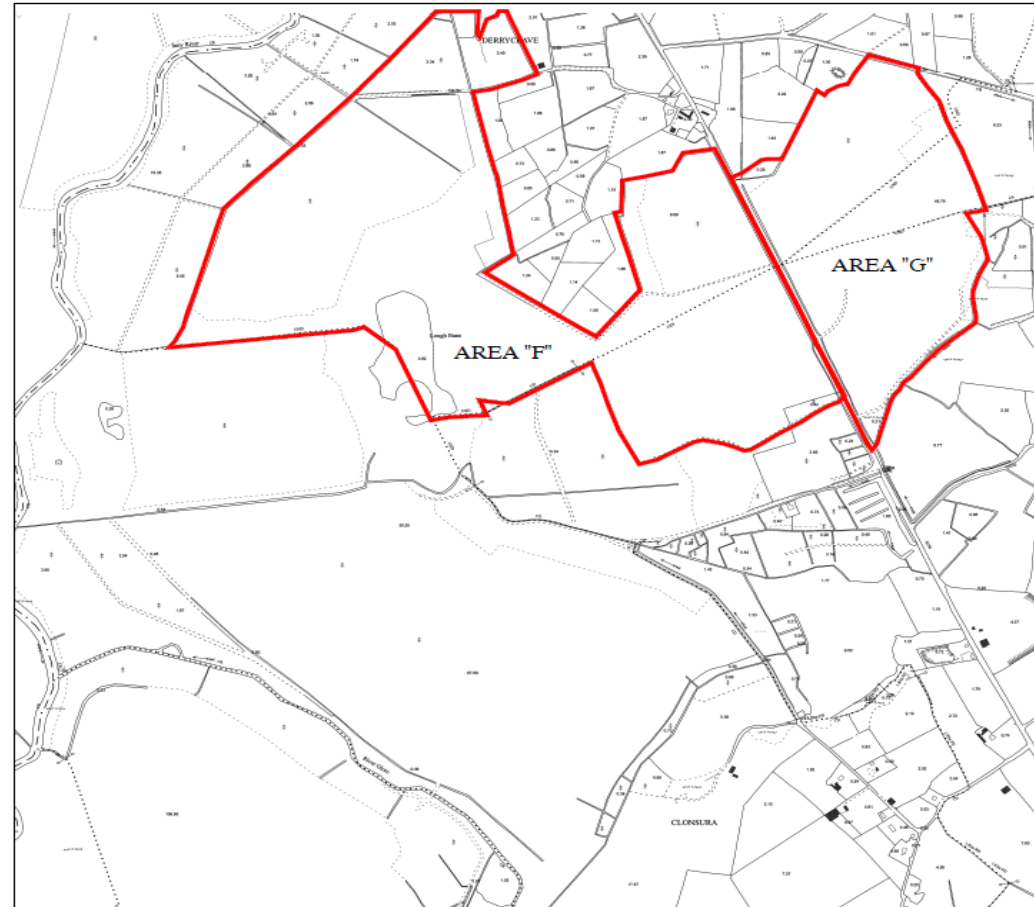
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06/07/23

Appendix 1



Appendix 2



Photo 1: Visible cracking and drying of the peatland noted within Area G.



Photo 2: Water levels appeared to have lowered recently within Area G.
