SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit:	**Peat Extraction in Co. Westmeath**
Site Address:	Newdown and Kerinstown, The Downs, Co. Westmeath
Date of Visit:	13/07/2023
Times of Visit:	13.05 to 13:35
Visit Criteria:	Peat extraction investigation
EPA Attendee:	Simon Buckley and Kealan Reynolds
Organisation	[redacted] and or its agents

Summary: The purpose of the visit was to

i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were being carried on by the above or their agents on lands owned and controlled by the above named parties or their agents in Co Westmeath.

Findings of site visit of 13/07/2023:

- Peat extraction/harvesting was not taking place during the visit.
- The site had two main areas. A lane runs north-south through the bog from the R156 road and there are areas being worked to the west of the lane and an area to the east of the lane (see appendix 1).
- Peat harvesting machinery/equipment was noted on the eastern part of the site.
- Stockpiles of milled peat were noted in both the eastern and western parts of the site.

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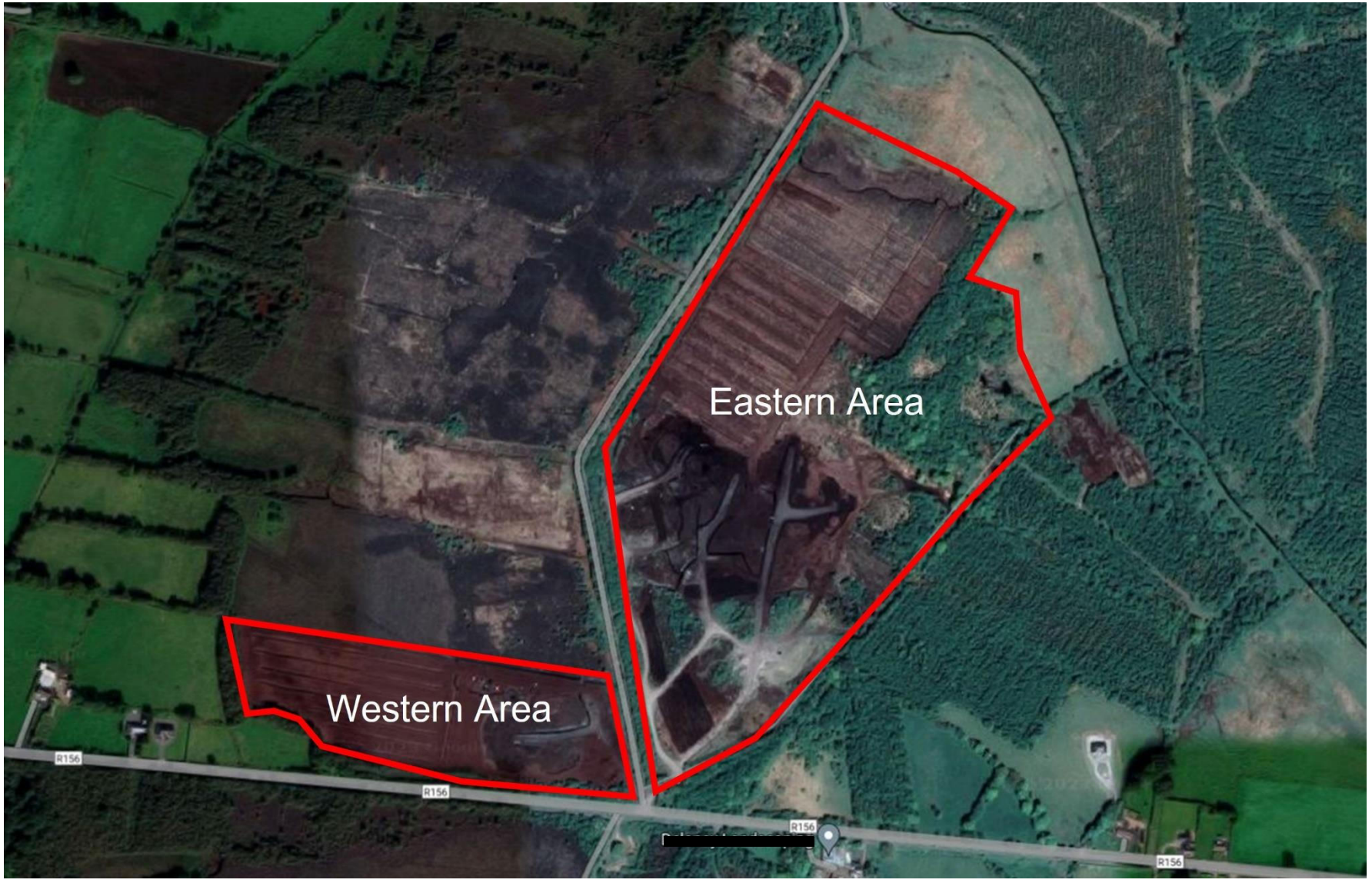
		Date:	19/07/2023

Appendix 1


Eastern Area
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Appendix 2

Photo 1 – Stockpile of milled peat in the western part of the site

Photo 2 – Eastern part of the site with peat harvesting plant and equipment and stockpile of milled peat.

Photo 3 – Western part of the site with stockpile of milled peat.