SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit:	**Peat Extraction in Co. Offaly**
Site Address:	Oldcroghan Bog, Green lane, County Offaly
Date of Visit:	17/08/2023
Times of Visit:	10:30 to 11:00
Visit Criteria:	Peat extraction investigation
EPA Attendees:	Mick Henry and Kealan Reynolds
Organisation:	[redacted]

Summary:

i) The purpose of the visit was to ascertain whether peat extraction activities were being carried out by the above or their agents on lands owned and controlled by the above or their agents in Co Offaly.

ii) The site visit commenced on lands that were the subject of correspondence received by the Agency in April 2022 where extraction of peat on a commercial scale was alleged.

iii) The peatlands under investigation are part of a bog complex at the above address where it is considered that there are a number of different entities involved in peat extraction.

Findings of site visit of 17/08/2023: The following was noted during the visit:

- At the northern end of the peatland a large stockpile of milled peat was noted at the loading area. A lorry was being loaded with milled peat from this stockpile during the visit.
- Milled peat machinery and equipment was noted adjacent to this area also.
- Rows of 'ridged' milled peat which were noted at the southern part of the peatland during the site visit of 1st August 23 were still evident on the peatland.
- Some machine tracks were noted on rows on the peatland.
- Covered stockpiles of milled peat were noted to be still present at the southern section of the peatland.
- No peat extraction was noted to be taking place during the visit.

Report prepared by:	Mick Henry & Kealan Reynolds	**Signed:**	M. Henry Kealan Reynolds
		Date:	21/08/23

Appendix 1

Kilduff
Kilduff
Croghan
Community Center
Croghan
L1010 Croghan Demesne
L1019 Croghan Demesne
Naomh Brid
(Offaly) GAA Club
St. Brigids Church
L1019 Croghan Demesne
Oxigen Environmental
Mary Loughrey
Makeup Artist
Google

Appendix 2

Photo 1: Some tracking by machines noted on some of the rows on the Eastern section of the peatland.

Photo 2: Some tracking by machines noted on some of the rows on the South Eastern section of the peatland.

Photo 3: Loading of lorry with milled peat from large stockpile noted at the northern end of the peatland, peat harvesting/extraction machinery noted in this area also.

Photo 4: Ridgeing of milled peat noted in some of the rows at the southern end of the peatland, covered milled peat stockpiles and peat harvesting machinery noted here also.