



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Peat Extraction in Co. Offaly

Site Address: Walsh Island, The Forge, Co. Offaly

Date of Visit: 01/08/2023

Times of Visit: 12:05 to 12:15

Visit Criteria: Peat extraction investigation

EPA Attendees: Mick Henry and 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 on lands at Walsh Island, The Forge, Co. Offaly.
- ii) To determine what activity and the location of the activities been undertaken was carried out at during recent months.

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

- Peat harvesting machinery was noted on the peatland
- A stockpile of milled peat was noted at a loading area adjacent to the main entrance.
- No peat extraction was taking place at the time of the visit.
- It was evident that milled peat extraction had taken place in the more recent past on a number of rows at the southern end of the peatland.
- A number of rows in the centre of the peatland had not been worked for some time.

Report prepared by: Mick Henry & Kealan Reynolds

Signed:

Date:

02/08/2023

Appendix 1



Appendix 2



Photo 1: Peat extraction had not taken place recently on some rows on the peatland.



Photo 2: View of the peatland in a southerly direction.



Photo 3: Stockpile of milled peat noted adjacent to the entrance to the peatland.
