



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Peat Extraction on Co. Longford

Site Address: Annaghcooleen, Co. Longford

Date of Visit: 05/03/2024

Times of Visit: 1600 to 1620

Visit Criteria: Peat extraction investigation

EPA Attendee: Mick Henry and Kealan Reynolds

Summary: The purpose of the visit was to

- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were been carried out by one or more parties at the above address in Co Longford.
- ii) The site visit commenced on lands where extraction, turning, stockpiling and removal of sodpeat following extraction activity was noted previously by the EPA.
- iii) Peat drainage and extraction has been identified as a significant pressure in the Rinn river waterbody at Annaghcooleen, County Longford (Ref. 3rd Cycle Draft Upper “Shannon Catchment Report (HA 26C)). In particular Section 5.1.1.4 of this report states:

“Peat drainage and extraction has been identified as a significant pressure in five river waterbodies (Annaghcooleen_010, Shannon (Upper)_100, Feorish (Tarmonbarry)_010, (Feorish (Tarmonbarry)_020, Curraghroe Stream_010) and one lake waterbody (Forbes). Eutrophication, likely from elevated nutrient concentrations, and sediment impacting habitat quality are the significant issues”.

Findings of site visit of 05/03/24: The following was noted during the visit:

- Large sod peat was noted to have been dug up and left on the peatland for drying at the Annaghcooleen townland, Co Longford (Appendix 1,2&3). A significant number of rows of large sod peat were noted on the peatland.
- No peat extraction was noted to be taking place during the visit.
- No peat extraction or peat haversting machinery was noted on the peatland.

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Appendix 1



Figure 1: Map showing the location of Annaghcooleen Bog.

Appendix 2

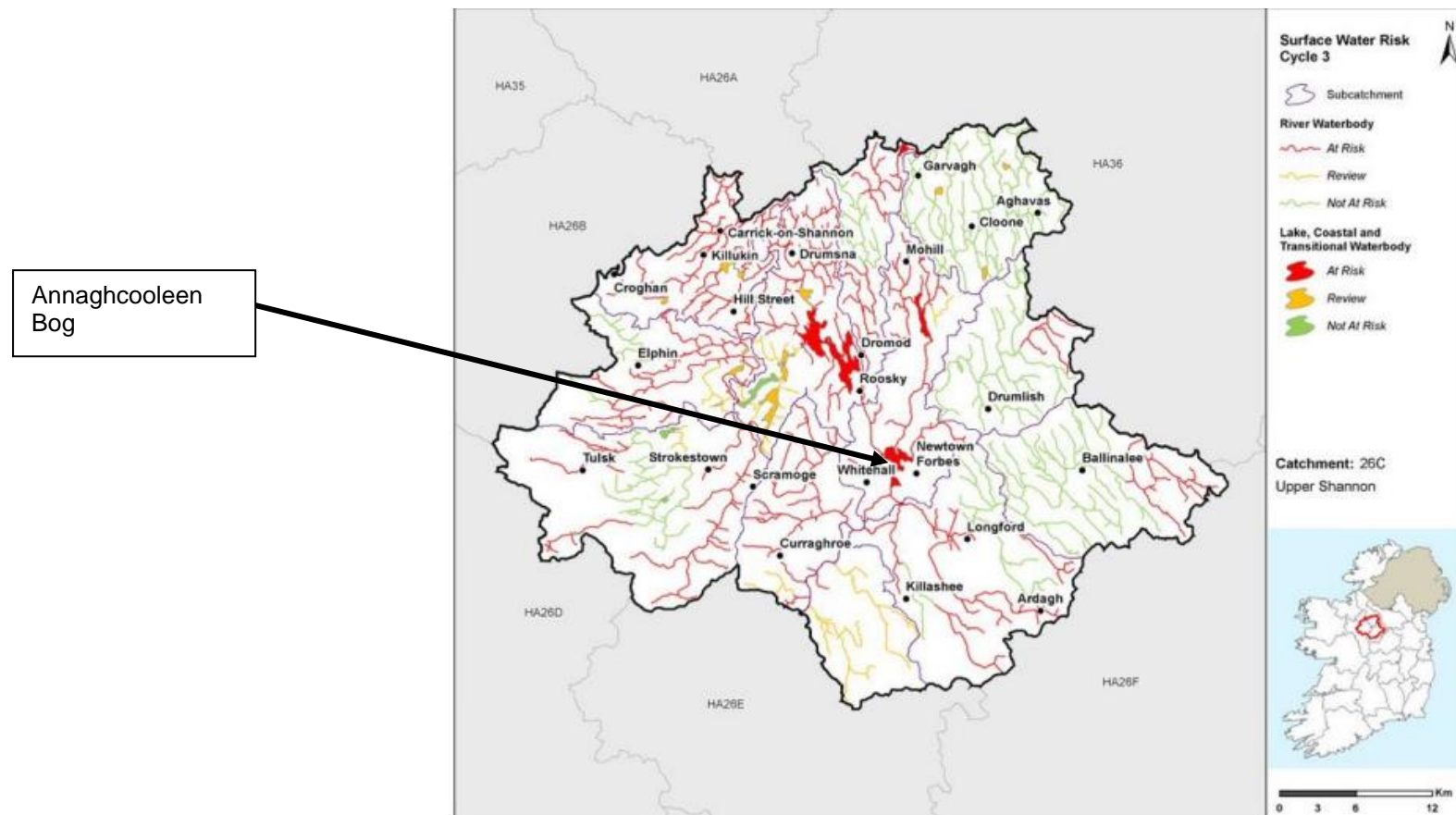


Figure 2: Map showing the location of Annaghcooleen Bog in the Upper Shannon Catchment.

Appendix 3



Photo 1: General overview of the peatland.



Photo 2: Photo showing large sod peat left on the peatland for drying.



Photo 3: Photo showing section of the peatland where no peat extraction has taken place.
