



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Peat Extraction in Co. Kildare

Site Address: Ballinderry, Carbury, Co. Kildare

Date of Visit: 12/06/24

Times of Visit: 1400 to 1550

Visit Criteria: Peat extraction investigation

EPA Attendees: Mick Henry & Kealan Reynolds

Organisation: [REDACTED]

Summary: The purpose of the visit was to

- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were being carried out on lands at the above address in Ballinderry, Carbury, Co. Kildare (Appendix 1).
- ii) To determine what activities and the location of the activities being undertaken were carried out.
- iii) The EPA inspectors were also accompanied by Dr. Patrick Crushell, Wetlands Surveys Ireland Ltd who was carrying out an assessment of the peatland on behalf of the EPA.

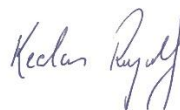
Findings of site visit of 12/06/24: The following was noted during the visit:

- Aerial footage and photos were taken by EPA inspectors throughout the visit from off-site and on-site locations.
 - EPA Inspectors met with [REDACTED] and advised him of the purpose of the visit.
 - Milled peat extraction was noted to be taking place at various locations on the peatland during the visit.
 - Significant dust emissions were noted to be arising from the milled peat extraction activities.
 - Machinery/equipment for extracting and harvesting peat was noted to be parked on the peatland and adjacent to the bagging/processing plant at the site.
 - Large stockpiles of milled peat were noted adjacent to the bagging/processing plant and an excavator was working on top the stockpiles.
 - Significant quantities of bagged material were stored at the site. A lorry was being loaded in the yard area where the bagged material was being stored.
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Date:

14/06/24

Appendix 1



Appendix 2



Photo 1: Peat extraction was noted to be taking place during the visit.



Photo 2: Peat extraction was noted to be taking place during the visit with significant dust arising.



Photo 3: Significant dust emissions were noted to be coming from the peat extraction activities at the peatland.



Photo 4: Aerial photo of milled peat extraction activities taking place during the visit.



Photo 5: Machine for ‘milling’ peat was noted at the peatland.



Photo 6: Significant stockpiles of milled peat were noted adjacent to the bagging plant.
