



# SITE VISIT REPORT

**Purpose of Site Visit:** Peat Extraction in Co. Kildare

**Site Address:** Ballinderry, Carbury, Co. Kildare

**Date of Visit:** 18/06/24

**Times of Visit:** 1550 to 1700

**Visit Criteria:** Peat extraction investigation

**EPA Attendees:** Mick Henry & Simon Buckley

**Organisation:** [REDACTED]

**Summary:** The purpose of the visit was to

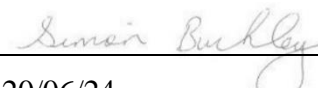
- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were being carried out on lands at the above address in Ballinderry, Carbury, Co. Kildare (Appendix 1).
- ii) To determine what activities and the location of the activities being undertaken were carried out.

**Findings of site visit of 18/06/24:** 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.
- Milled peat extraction was noted to be taking place during the visit. Two tractors and trailers (Bog Hogs) were collecting milled peat on the south western part of the peatland and the milled peat was then transported back to the bagging/processing plant area.
- Significant dust emissions were noted to be arising from the milled peat extraction activities, particularly as the milled peat was being transported from the South Western part of the peatland back up to the bagging/processing plant area.
- Machinery/equipment for extracting and harvesting peat was noted to be parked 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 of the stockpiles.
- Significant sediment build up was noted in the drainage network at the South eastern corner of the peatland.

**Report prepared by:** Mick Henry & Simon Buckley

**Signed:**



**Date:**

20/06/24

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## **Appendix 1**

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## **Appendix 2**

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**Photo 1: Overview of factory area with stockpiles of milled peat noted along with peat extraction machinery.**

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**Photo 2: Photo of central part of the peatland where peat extraction had taken place recently (note dark brown colour). Also, note tractor and trailer (‘Bog Hog’ ) going to the South western part of the peatland to collect milled peat.**

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**Photo 3: Overview of South Western part of the peatland prior to the collection of the milled peat. Also, note the untouched virgin bog on left of photo and drainage network.**

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**Photo 4: Two Tractors and trailers ('Bog Hog's') collecting milled peat at the South Western part of the peatland during the visit.**

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**Photo 5: Two Tractors and trailers ('Bog Hog's') collecting milled peat at the South Western part of the peatland during the visit.**

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**Photo 6: Significant dust emissions noted from the transport of the milled peat back to the bagging/processing plant area.**

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**Photos 7 & 8: Drainage network with significant sediment build up noted at the South Eastern corner of the peatland.**

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