



# SITE VISIT REPORT

**Purpose of Site Visit:** Peat Extraction in Co. Offaly  
**Site Address:** Ballymacrossan, Co. Offaly  
**Date of Visit:** 9th April 2024  
**Times of Visit:** 1100 to 1145  
**Visit Criteria:** Peat extraction investigation  
**EPA Attendees:** Mick Henry & Kealan Reynolds  
**Organisation** [REDACTED] and or its agents



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

- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were being carried out at the above address.
- ii) The site visit occurred on lands where extraction and loading of peat was previously being undertaken.

**Findings of site visit of 09/04/2024:**

- During the visit, we spoke with [REDACTED] and a number of other men. We outlined the purpose of our visit to [REDACTED].
- [REDACTED] stated that peat extraction had taken place for the last 3½ years but that peat extraction was due to cease this week. The extracted peat was being supplied to [REDACTED].
- The overall plan for the site was to create a nature park with lodges on it and a planning meeting was scheduled to take place with Laois Co Co on the 11<sup>th</sup> April 24.
- Peat extraction machinery (excavator) was noted to be parked on the peatland but it was not working the time of the site visit.

**Report prepared by:** Mick Henry &  
Kealan Reynolds

**Signed:**   


**Date:** 11/04/2024

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## **Appendix 1**

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