



# SITE VISIT REPORT

**Purpose of Site Visit:** Peat Extraction in Co. Offaly  
**Site Address:** Killurin, Co. Offaly  
**Date of Visit:** 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024  
**Times of Visit:** 11:00 to 12:30  
**Visit Criteria:** Peat extraction investigation  
**EPA Attendees:** Mick Henry & Kealan Reynolds  
**Organisation** [REDACTED] and/or others

**Summary:** The purpose of the visit was to ascertain whether peat extraction activities were being carried out at the above address and to determine the scale and nature of the activities.

**Findings of site visit of 23/05/2024:**

- During the visit, we spoke to a man who identified himself as [REDACTED]. We outlined the purpose of our visit to [REDACTED]. The scale of the peat extraction activities were considered to be significant and of a commercial nature.
- [REDACTED] stated that he owned 60 acres of the peatland and that others owned the rest.
- A significant number of machines for milled peat extraction and harvesting were noted on the peatland.
- A loading area, sheds and ancillary items e.g. sedimentation ponds, water pumps which are associated with peat extraction were also noted on the peatland.
- Milled peat extraction had recently taken place on the peatland although no peat extraction was taking place during the visit.

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

**Signed:**

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is 'M. Henry' and the second is 'Kealan Reynolds'.

**Date:** 06/06/24

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## **Appendix 1**

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## **Appendix 2**

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**Photo 1: General overview of the peatland in a westerly direction.**

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**Photo 2: Section of peatland in the distance (in westerly direction) which is connected to the main peatland by an internal road/track.**

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**Photo 3: Photo showing main entrance to the peatland, loading area, sheds and sedimentation ponds.**

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**Photo 4: Photo showing recent milled peat extraction having taken place on the peatland.**

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Photo 5: Photo showing excavator with [REDACTED] noted.

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**Photo 6: Water pump noted at one of sedimentation ponds.**

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**Photo 7: Photo showing milled peat extraction and harvesting equipment on the peatland.**

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**Photo 8: Photo showing milled peat extraction and harvesting equipment on the peatland.**

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**Photo 9: Photo showing milled peat extraction and harvesting equipment on the peatland.**

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**Photo 10: Photo showing milled peat extraction and harvesting equipment on the peatland.**

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