



# SITE VISIT REPORT

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

**Site Address:** Monaincha, Thesheehys and Corville townlands,  
Roscrea, Co Tipperary

**Date of Visit:** 26/01/2024

**Times of Visit:** 11:15am to 12:30pm

**Visit Criteria:** Peat extraction investigation

**EPA Attendees:** Mick Henry and Kealan Reynolds

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


- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were being carried out on lands at Monaincha, Thesheehys and Corville townlands, Roscrea, Co Tipperary.
- ii) The site visit commenced on lands where extraction of peat on a commercial scale was noted previously.

**Findings of site visit of 26/01/2024:** The following was noted during the visit:

- The extraction of large sod peat was ongoing during the visit and an excavator (with the large sod peat attachment) was noted to be extracting large sod peat.
- The EPA inspectors spoke to a man operating the large sod peat excavator and informed him of the purpose of our visit.
- Large sod peat was noted to have been recently extracted and left on the bog for drying at the southern part of the peatland. A significant number of rows of extracted large sod peat were noted on the peatland.
- An excavator was noted to be clearing and carrying out drainage and preparatory works on the western section of the peatland.
- No milling of peat was taking place during the visit.
- Machinery for peat harvesting (e.g. peat collection equipment, trailers etc) were noted to be parked at the loading area at the peatland.

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

**Signed:**



**Date:**

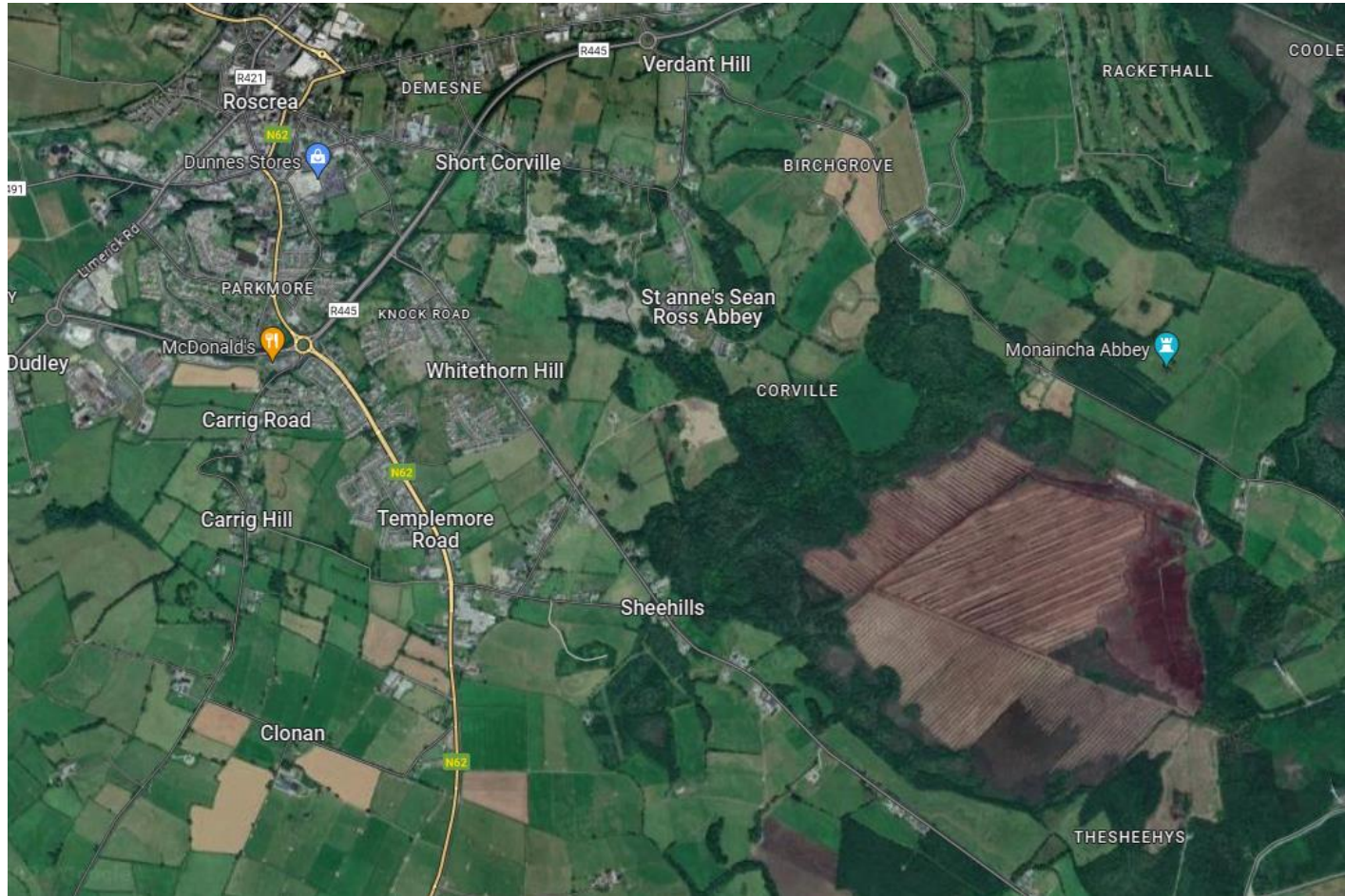
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## **Appendix 1**

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## **Appendix 2**

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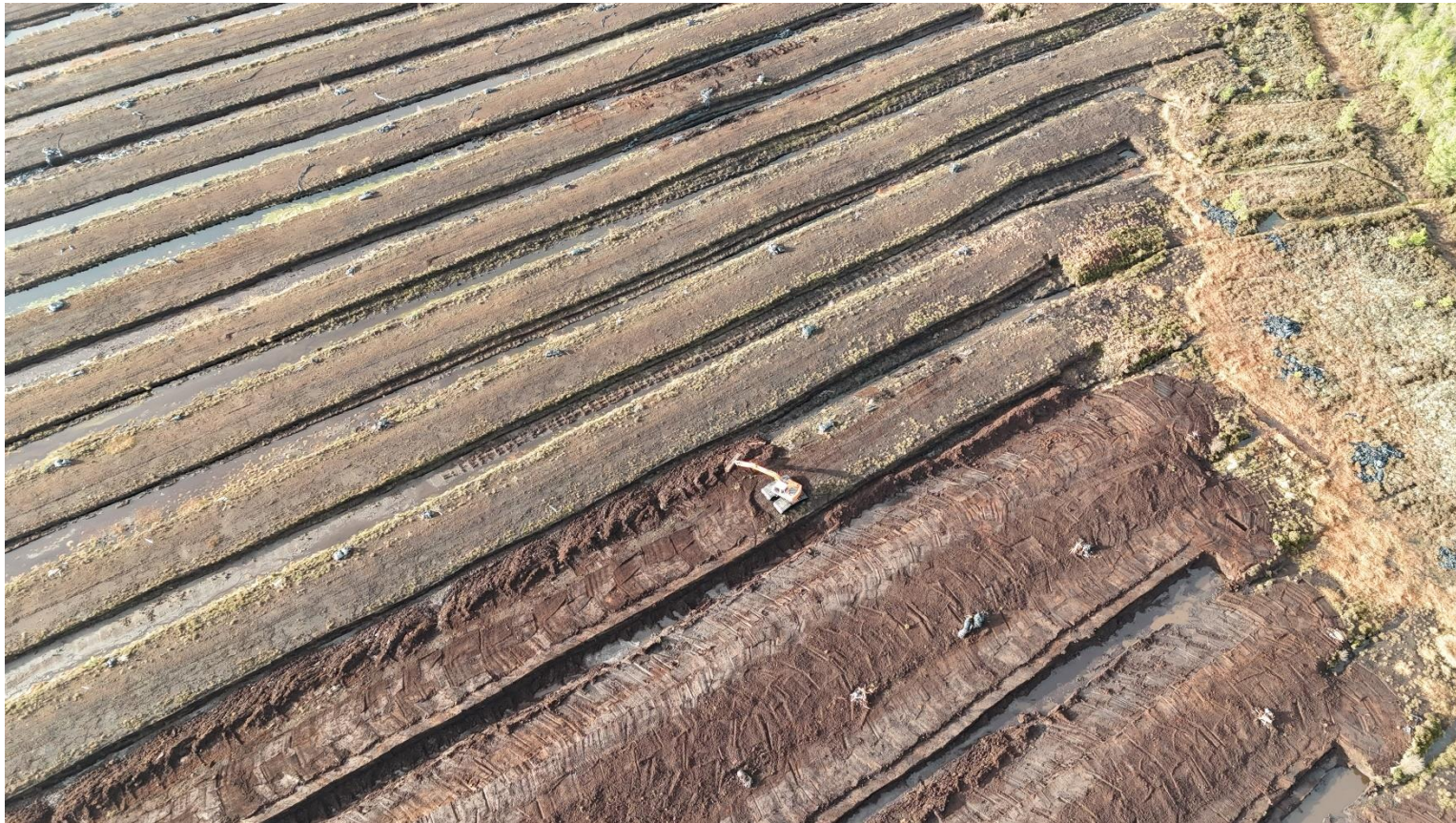




**Photo 1: Photograph showing excavator carrying out ‘clearing’, drainage and preparatory works on the western part of the peatland.**

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**Photo 2: Aerial photograph showing excavator carrying out ‘clearing’, drainage and preparatory works on the western part of the peatland.**

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**Photo 3: Photograph (in a northerly direction) of a section of the peatland where milled peat extraction had previously taken place. Note the excavator carrying out ‘clearing’, drainage and preparatory works on the western part of the peatland.**

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**Photo 4: Photograph of a section of the the southern part of peatland where large sod peat had recently been extracted and left to dry on the peatland.**

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**Photo 5: Photograph of the southern section of the peatland where the extraction of large sod peat was ongoing during the visit (note excavator working in the centre of the photo).**

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**Photo 6: Recently excavated large sod peat left out to dry on the southern part of the peatland.**

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**Photo 7: An excavator extracting large sod peat during the visit.**

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