



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Peat Extraction in Co. Offaly

Site Address: Oldcroghan Bog, Green lane, County Offaly

Date of Visit: 14/02/2024

Times of Visit: 1130 to 1140

Visit Criteria: Peat extraction investigation

EPA Attendees: Mick Henry and Kealan Reynolds

Organisation: [REDACTED]

Summary:

- i) The purpose of the visit was to ascertain whether peat extraction activities were being carried out by the above or their agents on lands owned and controlled by the above or their agents in Co Offaly.
- ii) The site visit commenced on lands that were the subject of correspondence received by the Agency in April 2022 where extraction of peat on a commercial scale was alleged.
- iii) The peatlands under investigation are part of a bog complex at the above address where it is considered that there are a number of different entities involved in peat extraction.

Findings of site visit of 14/02/2024: The following was noted during the visit:

- At the northern end of the peatland, a large stockpile of milled peat which was present at the loading area during the EPAs site visit in August 2023 had been largely removed.
- The haul road into the loading area at the Northern boundary had been significantly extended to the East. Two excavators were noted to be parked where the road was being constructed.
- Milled peat machinery and equipment was noted parked at the peatland.
- Covered stockpiles of milled peat were noted to be still present at the southern section of the peatland.
- No peat extraction was noted to be taking place during the visit.

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20/02/24

Appendix 1



Appendix 2



Photo 1: Aerial view of the peatland in a North Westerly direction. Note the stockpile of milled peat at the Northern boundary which was present during an EPA Site visit in August 2023 had been largely removed.



Photo 2: Aerial view of the construction a road at the Northern end of peatland which had been significantly extended to the east. Note also the presence of peat harvesting machinery.
