



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Peat Extraction in Co. Longford

Site Address: Annaghcooleen, Co. Longford

Date of Visit: 10/04/2025

Times of Visit: 3.50pm to 4.15pm

Visit Criteria: Peat extraction investigation

EPA Attendee: Kealan Reynolds and Mick Henry

Summary: The purpose of the visit was to

- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were been carried out by one or more parties at the above address in Co Longford.
- ii) The site visit commenced on lands where extraction, turning, stockpiling and removal of large sod peat following extraction activity was noted previously by the EPA.

Findings of site visit of 10/04/25: The following was noted during the visit:

- Large sod peat was noted to have been dug up and left on the peatland for drying at the Annaghcooleen townland, Co Longford (Appendix 1& 2). A significant number of rows of large sod peat were noted on the peatland.
- No large scale peat extraction was noted to be taking place during the visit however there was some “small sod” domestic turf being produced using a tractor drawn hopper.
- No machinery associated with the large scale extraction of big sod peat was noted on the peatland.

Report prepared by:

Kealan Reynolds
Mick Henry

Signed:

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Date:

14/04/25

Appendix 1



Figure 1: Map showing the location of Annaghcooleen Bog.

Appendix 2



Photo 1: General overview of the peatland.



Photo 2: Photo showing large sod peat left on the peatland for drying.
