



# SITE VISIT REPORT

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

**Site Address:** Ballinderry, Carbury, Co. Kildare

**Date of Visit:** 19/05/25

**Times of Visit:** 09:45 to 11:30

**Visit Criteria:** Peat extraction investigation

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

**Organisation:** [REDACTED]

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

- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were being carried out on lands at the above address in Ballinderry, Carbury, Co. Kildare (Appendix 1).
- ii) To determine what activities and the location of the activities being undertaken were carried out.

**Findings of site visit of 19/05/25:** The following was noted during the visit:

- Aerial footage and photos were taken by EPA inspectors.
- Milled peat was being extracted from the central section of the peatland during the visit and transported to stockpiles adjacent to the bagging/processing plant.
- Two tractors with collection trailers ('Bog Hogs') were collecting the peat from the peatland and transporting it to the stockpiles. This process continued for the duration of the visit.
- Significant dust was noted to be coming from the collection of milled peat from the peatland.
- Significant accumulations of peat were noted in some of the on-site sedimentation ponds.

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

**Signed:**

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**Date:**

21/05/25

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## **Appendix 1**

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## **Appendix 2**

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**Photo 1: Photo showing the collection of milled peat from the peatland, note significant dust emissions arising.**

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**Photos 2 & 3: Significant dust emissions noted to be arising from the collection of milled peat.**

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**Photos 4 & 5: Photo showing the collection of milled peat from the peatland, note significant dust emissions arising.**

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**Photo 6: Aerial view of milled peat being collected from the central section of the peatland, note significant dust emissions arising.**

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**Photo 7: Significant build up of peat noted in one of the sedimentation ponds.**

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