



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Westmeath Peat Extraction

Site Address: Blyry Lower Bog, Tullycross and Blyry, Athlone, County Westmeath

Date of Visit: 14/03/2025

Times of Visit: 11:15 to 11:40

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 the above address in County Westmeath.
- ii) To determine what activity and the location of the activities been undertaken was carried out at during recent months.

Findings of site visit of 14/03/2025: The following was noted:

- Aerial footage and photos were taken by EPA inspectors.
- No Peat extraction/harvesting was taking place during the visit.
- Machinery for peat extraction was noted to be parked on the peatland.
- It was evident that a significant quantity of milled peat had been removed from the stockpiles of milled peat stored at the loading area (when compared with the EPAs previous visits in 2023 and 2024).

Report prepared by: Mick Henry & Kealan Reynolds

Signed:

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Date:

16/05/25

Appendix 1



Appendix 2



Photo 1: Peat extraction machinery noted to be parked on the peatland.



Photo 2: Remaining stockpiles of milled peat at the peatland (Note significant quantities of milled peat had been removed since the EPAs visit in 2023 and 2024).



Photo 3: Significant quantity of water noted on the peatland.
