



# SITE VISIT REPORT

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

**Site Address:** Derradd, Co. Westmeath

**Date of Visit:** 11/04/25

**Times of Visit:** 10:00 to 11:15

**Visit Criteria:** Peat extraction investigation

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

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

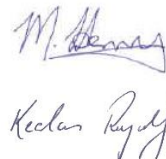
- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were being carried out on lands at the above address in Co. Westmeath (Appendix 1).
- ii) To determine what activities and the location of the activities being undertaken were carried out.

**Findings of site visit of 11/04/25:** The following was noted during the visit:

- Significant drainage works had been carried out recently throughout the peatland.
- An excavator was noted to be carrying out 'levelling' works on the peatland and was spreading out peat which had been taken out of the drains as a result of recent drainage works.
- EPA inspectors spoke to the driver of the excavator who said the peatland was operated by [REDACTED] and that it was the intention to carry out peat harvesting/extraction in the near future.
- Two large stockpiles of milled peat were noted adjacent to the entrances to the peatland.
- A large articulated vehicle arrived on the peatland during the visit to take away some of the milled peat from the milled peat stockpiles.
- Machinery/equipment for extracting and harvesting peat was noted to be parked adjacent to the stockpiles of milled peat at the peatland.
- Drone footage and photos were taken throughout the visit.

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

**Signed:**



**Date:**

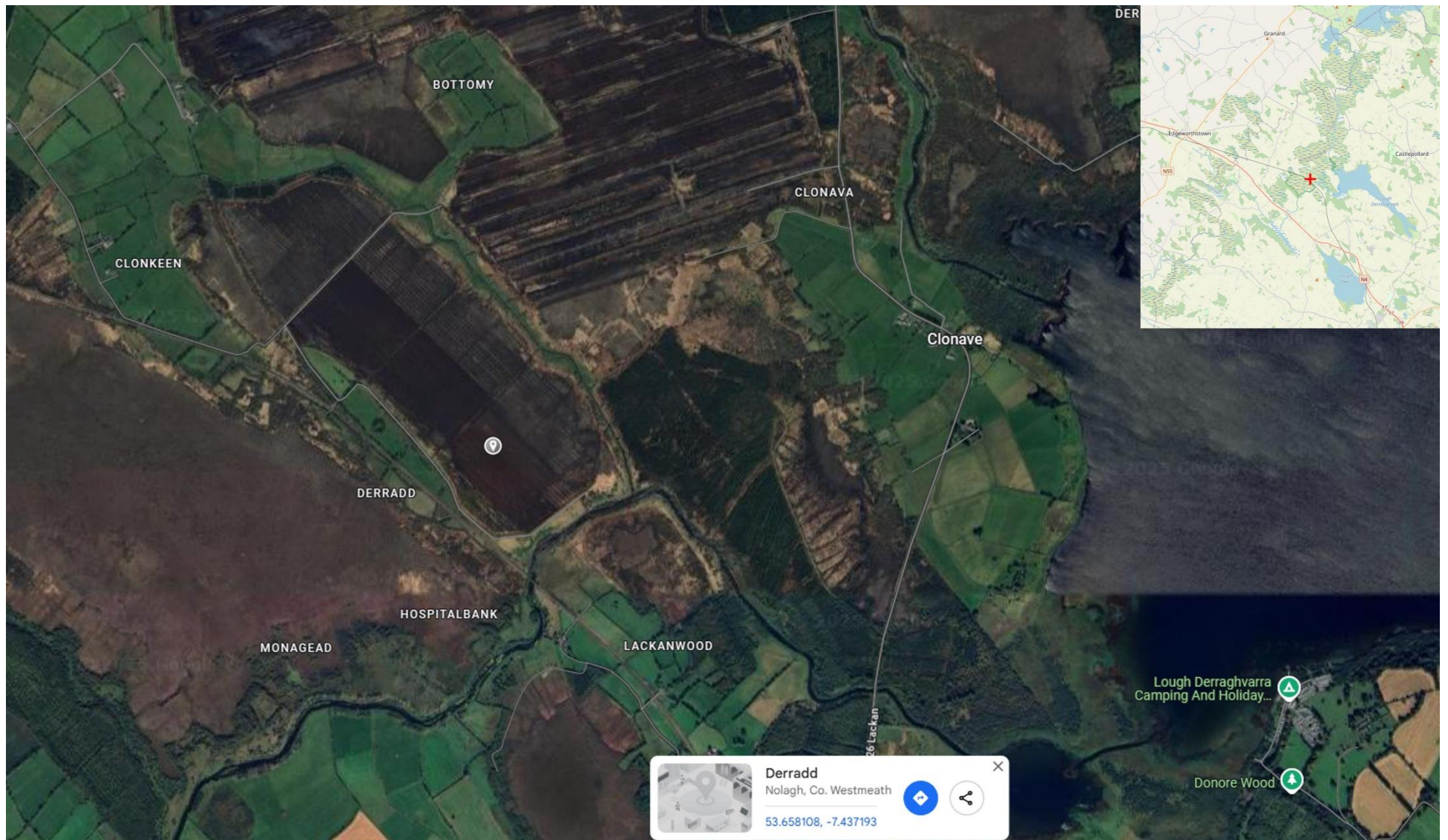
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## **Appendix 1**

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## **Appendix 2**

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**Photo 1: Excavator carrying out levelling works on the peatland.**

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**Photo 2: Excavator carrying out levelling works on the peatland.**

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**Photo 3: Stockpile of milled peat and peat harvesting machinery noted at the north western entrance to the peatland.**

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**Photo 4: Stockpile of milled peat noted at the western entrance to the peatland.**

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