



# SITE VISIT REPORT

**Purpose of Site Visit:** Peat Extraction in Co Longford

**Site Address:** Derrymore, Co Longford

**Date of Visit:** 19/05/2025

**Times of Visit:** 13:45 to 14:30

**Visit Criteria:** Peat extraction investigation

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

**Organisation:** [REDACTED] and/or its agents

## Summary:

The purpose of the visit was to ascertain whether peat extraction activities were being carried on by the above or their agents on lands owned and controlled by the above named parties or their agents in Co Longford.

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

- Aerial footage and photos were taken during the visit.
- Milled peat extraction activities were noted to be taking place on the peatland. Significant dust emissions were noted to be coming from the milled peat extraction activities.
- The milled peat was being collected at the western section of the peatland using a conveyor machine attached to a tractor. The milled peat was conveyed into trailers which were being pulled by tractors. The three tractors (with trailers) were noted to be carrying the collected peat back to a stockpile at the loading area.
- Some large sod peat was noted to have been removed (since the EPAs previous visit) from the 'large sod area' at the north/north western part of the peatland. An excavator was noted to be parked at the 'large sod area'.
- It was also noted that milled peat had been ridged and was awaiting collection at the eastern section of the peatland.
- Machinery and equipment for peat extraction/harvesting was also noted to be parked at the loading area. An excavator was noted to be working at the stockpile at the loading area.

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

**Signed:**

*Kealan Reynolds*  
*M. Henry*

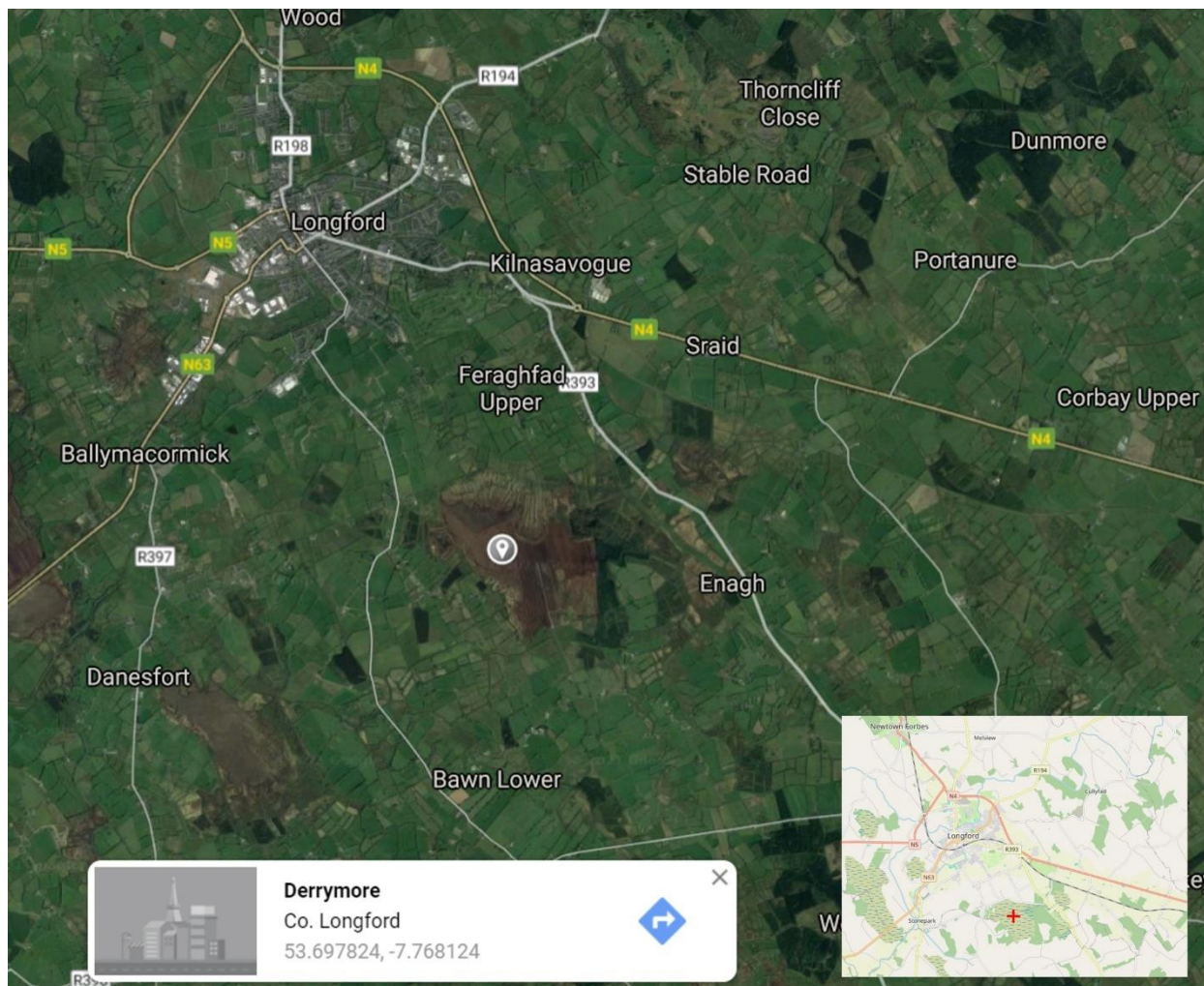
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## **Appendix 1**

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### Figure 1 – Location of Derrymore Peatland



**Figure 2 – Overview of peatland**

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## **Appendix 2**

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**Photo 1 – Excavator parked at the ‘Large sod peat’ area of the north/north western section of the peatland. Note some large sod peat had been removed since the previous Agency visit.**

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**Photo 2– Milled peat which was ‘ridged’ and awaiting collection from the eastern section of the peatland.**

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**Photo 3– Milled peat which was ‘ridged’ and awaiting collection from the eastern section of the peatland.**

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**Photo 4 - Tractors and trailers noted to be operating at the western section of the peatland.**

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**Photo 5 - Milled peat extraction (i.e. collection and transportation of the milled peat) noted to be taking place at the western section of the peatland during the visit.**

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**Photo 6 - Tractors and trailers noted to be operating at the western section of the peatland.**

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**Photo 7– General overview of the loading area, significant stockpiles of milled peat noted here along with peat extraction/harvesting machinery and equipment.**

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