



# SITE VISIT REPORT

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

**Site Address:** Higginstown, Co Westmeath

**Date of Visit:** 07/07/2025

**Times of Visit:** 14:10 to 14:40

**Visit Criteria:** Peat extraction investigation

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

**Summary:** The purpose of the visit was to ascertain whether peat extraction activities were being carried out on lands at Higginstown, Co Westmeath.

**Findings of site visit of 07/07/2025:** The following was noted during the visit:

- Milled peat extraction and harvesting was noted to be taking place during the visit. A tractor with a large harrow for harrowing the milled peat was noted to be working during the visit.
- A loading area was noted adjacent to the entrance to the peatland.
- We spoke to a gentleman who was present on the peatland during the visit and informed him of the purpose of the visit.

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

**Signed:**

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**Date:**

26/09/25

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## **Appendix 1**

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## **Appendix 2**

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**Photo 1: Excavator working on the peatland. Note recently excavated large sod peat also in the distance.**

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**Photo 2: Milled peat extraction and harvesting (harrowing) noted to be ongoing during the visit.**

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