



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Peat Extraction in Co. Offaly
Site Address: Oldcroghan Bog, Green lane, County Offaly
Date of Visit: 22/08/25
Times of Visit: 10:15 to 12:00
Visit Criteria: Peat extraction investigation
EPA Attendees: Mick Henry, Sean Burke & David Smith

Summary:

- i) The purpose of the visit was to ascertain whether peat extraction activities were being carried out at the above location in Co Offaly.
- ii) The peatlands under investigation are part of a bog complex at the above address where it is considered that there are a number of different entities involved in peat extraction.

Findings of site visit of 22/08/25: The following was noted during the visit:

- Significant stockpiles of milled peat were noted at the northern section of the peatland and also at other locations at the south/south western end of the peatland.
- Harrowing of milled peat was noted to be taking place at the south/south eastern part of the peatland.
- Milled peat was also being collected from the northern part of the peatland using a number of tractor/trailers. The 'collected' milled peat was then transported to the stockpiles at the loading area at the northern end.
- Two articulated vehicles were noted at the northern end of the peatland and one of the articulated vehicles was being loaded with milled peat during the visit. A third articulated vehicle was noted leaving the loading area and generated significant dust emissions while doing so.
- Milled peat machinery and equipment was noted at various locations on the peatland.

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Appendix 1



Appendix 2



Photo 1: Aerial overview of the peatland, note peat extraction machinery working during the visit.



Photo 2: Collection of extracted milled peat noted to be taking place during the visit.



Photo 3: Aerial overview of loading area, note filling of articulated vehicle(s) adjacent to the stockpile of milled peat at the northern end of the peatland. Also note significant dust emissions from articulated vehicle departing the peatland.



Photo 4: Aerial footage showing the transport of collected milled peat to the stockpile at northern part of the peatland.



Photo 5: Stockpiles of milled peat noted at the south western part of the peatland, note excavators at a number of locations.



Photo 6: Harrowing of milled peat noted to be taking place at the south eastern part of the peatland.



Photo 7: Harrowing of milled peat noted to be taking place at the south eastern part of the peatland.
