



# SITE VISIT REPORT

**Purpose of Site Visit:** Peat Extraction in Co. Offaly  
**Site Address:** Walsh Island, The Forge, Co. Offaly  
**Date of Visit:** 12/05/2022  
**Times of Visit:** 1520 to 1545  
**Visit Criteria:** Peat extraction investigation  
**EPA Attendees:** Mick Henry and John Gibbons  
**Organisation:** Bulrush Horticulture and/or its agents

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

- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were been carried out on lands at Walsh Island, The Forge, Co. Offaly (Appendix 1).
- 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 12/05/2022:** The following was noted during the visit:

- Preparatory works were ongoing on the peatland.
- Peat harvesting machinery was noted and a tractor with a tiller was recently used on the peatland (Appendix 2).
- Stockpiles of milled peat were noted at a loading area adjacent to the main entrance.
- We spoke to two men who were driving machines on the peatland and they informed us they were working for Bulrush.

**Report prepared by:** John Gibbons & Mick Henry

**Signed:**

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**Date:**

16/05/2022

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## **Appendix 1**

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## **Appendix 2**

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**Photo 1: Preparatory works ongoing on the peatland.**

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**Photo 2: Machinery for tilling peat noted on the peatland.**

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**Photo 3: Stockpile of milled peat noted adjacent to the entrance to the peatland.**

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