



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Peat Extraction in Co. Offaly

Site Address: Chevychase Bog, Cushina, Portarlinton, County Offaly.

Date of Visit: 12/05/2022

Times of Visit: 1415 to 1445

Visit Criteria: Peat extraction investigation

EPA Attendees: Mick Henry and John Gibbons

Organisation: [REDACTED]

Summary: The purpose of the visit was to

- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were been carried out on lands at the above address in Chevychase, County Offaly.
- ii) To determine what activity and the location of the activities been undertaken was carried out at during recent months. The site visit commenced on lands that were the subject of correspondance received by the Agency in April 2022 where extraction of peat on a commercial scale was alleged.

Findings of site visit of 12/05/2022: The following was noted during the visit:

- Peat harvesting machinery and equipment was noted on the peatland.
- A large stockpile of milled peat was noted and two excavators were at this stockpile.
- Milled peat harvesting activity was ongoing during the visit.
- The scale of the activity and the area involved is on a commercial scale.

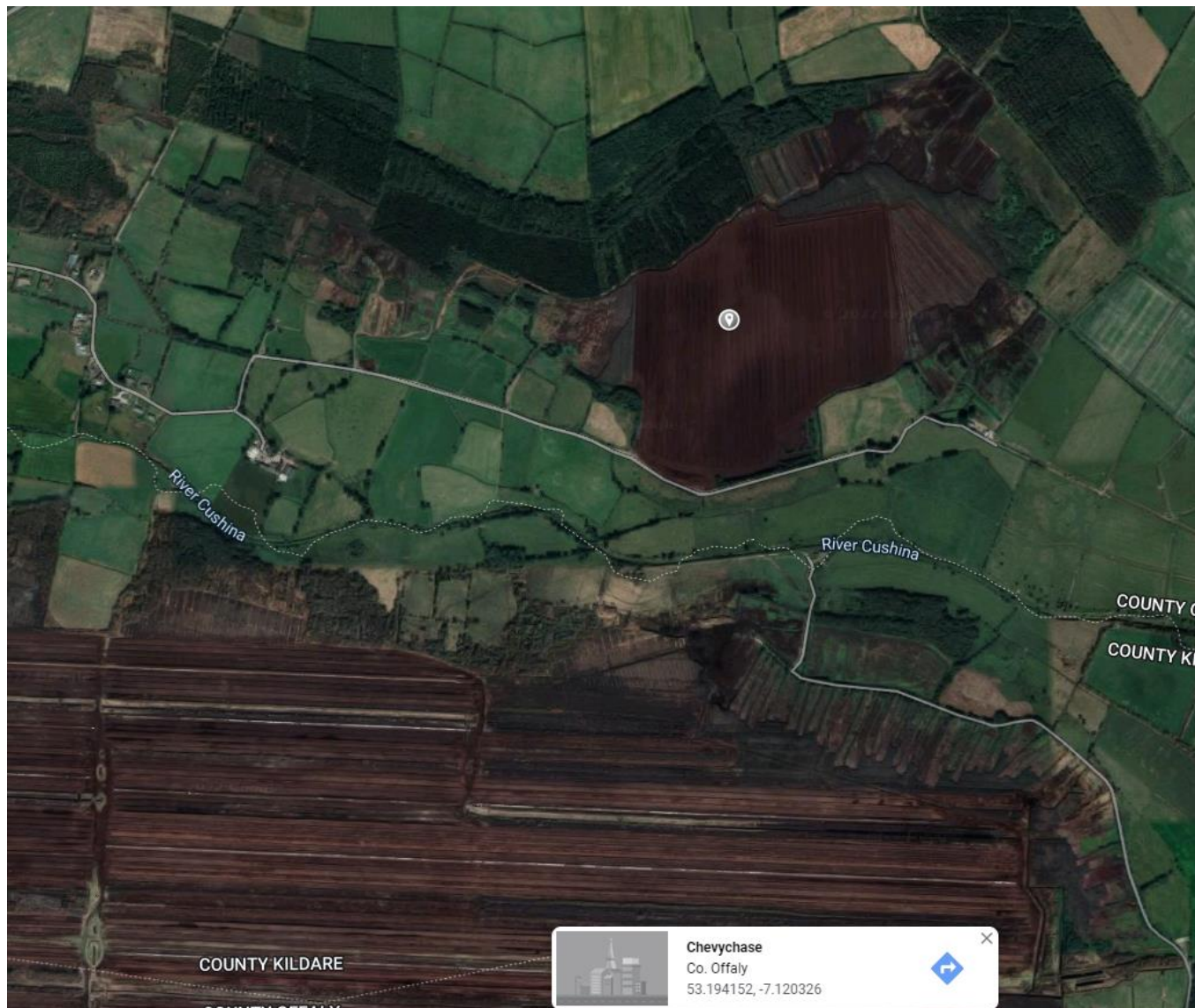
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Appendix 1



Appendix 2



Photo 1: Peat harvesting machinery and two excavators on milled peat stockpile in the distant background.



Photo 2: Milling of peat ongoing on the peatland.



Photo 3: Machinery noted on the peatland.
