



# SITE VISIT REPORT

**Purpose of Site Visit:** Peat Extraction in Co. Offaly  
**Site Address:** Oldcroghan, Green Lane, County Offaly  
**Date of Visit:** 08/06/22  
**Times of Visit:** 1130 to 1215  
**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 Oldcroghan, Green Lane, 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 correspondence received by the Agency in April 2022 where extraction of peat on a commercial scale was alleged.

**Findings of site visit of 08/06/2022:** The following was noted during the visit:

- Some large sod peat was noted out on the peatland for further drying.
- A significant number of milled peat harvesting machines and equipment for milling peat were noted parked on the peatland.
- A significant stockpile of milled peat was noted at the northern end of the peatland.
- Milled peat harvesting activity had recently taken place and machinery for milling peat (two tractors and attachmants) was noted to be working on the southern section of the peatland.
- The scale of the activity and the area involved is on a commercial scale.

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

**Signed:**

*John Gibbons*  
*M. Henry*

**Date:**

13/06/22

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## **Appendix 1**

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## **Appendix 2**

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**Photo 1: Significant stockpile of milled peat at the northern section of the peatland.**

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