



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Peat Extraction in Co. Offaly
Site Address: Ballykileen Bog, Clara County Offaly
Date of Visit: 08/06/2022
Times of Visit: 1000 to 1020
Visit Criteria: Peat extraction investigation
EPA Attendees: Mick Henry and John Gibbons

Summary: The purpose of the visit was to

- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were been carried out on lands at Ballykileen bog, Clara, 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 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:

- Peat harvesting and extraction machinery was noted in the area (Appendix 1) at Ballykileen townland.
- A large stockpile of sod peat (large and small sods) which was previously noted had since been removed.
- Recently cut large sod peat had been turned/lifted out on the peatland.
- Recently cleared banks also noted.
- No peat excavation activity noted during the visit.
- Large quantity of hopper turf had recently been excavated and left out on the peatland to dry.

Report prepared by: John Gibbons & Mick Henry

Signed:

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Date:

15/06/22

Appendix 1



Appendix 2



Photo 1: Recently excavated hopper turf with large sod peat noted in the background left out to dry on peatland.



Photo 2: Recently excavated hopper turf with adjacent to loading area with large sod peat stockpile in the background substantially removed.
