



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Peat Extraction on bogs in Co. Westmeath
Site Address: Ballymaglavy, Abbeysrule Co Westmeath
Date of Visit: 27/04/2022
Times of Visit: 1400 to 1435
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 by one or more parties at the above address in Co Westmeath.
- ii) The site visit commenced on lands where excavation, turning and stockpiling of sodpeat following extraction activity was noted.

Findings of site visit of 27/4/2022: The following was noted during the visit:

- No peat excavation machinery was noted on the bog (Appendix 1) at the Ballymaglavy, Co. Westmeath.
- Sod peat had been placed on a significant area of the peatland since the previous visit in February 2022 where sods of peat had been excavated and left on the bog for drying (see Appendix 2 photographs).
- A significant amount of the sod peat rows noted in a previous visit had now been removed off the peatland.
- The recently excavated sod peat was spread over an area on 39 separate sections of 12 meters wide for each section.

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Signed:

Date:

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Appendix 1



Appendix 2



Photo 1 : Sod peat which was recently excavated and left on the peatland to dry.



Photo 2: Large scale sod peat drying on the bog.



Photo 3: recent excavation of sod peat at the location.
