



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Peat Extraction in Co. Tipperary

Site Address: Arragh Beg Bog, Arragh Beg, County Tipperary

Date of Visit: 05/05/2022

Times of Visit: 1015 to 1045

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 Arragh Beg bog County Tipperary.
- 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 from the Agency in 2022 where extraction of peat on a commercial scale was noted.

Findings of site visit of 5/05/2022: The following was noted during the visit:

- Peat extraction machinery was noted in the area (Appendix 1) at Arrabeg townland where the sod peat had been dug up (large sods), stockpiled in rows prior to them being removed off the peatland in the future.
- Excavators, tractors and tracked trailers for peat harvesting were noted (Appendix 2).
- A stockpile of milled peat was noted along with an excavator on the stockpile.
- Some of the existing large sods had been turned for further drying since the last visit.
- No recent peat harvesting activity was noted during the visit.
- An area of ground adjacent to the loading area had been recently rotovated and cleared.

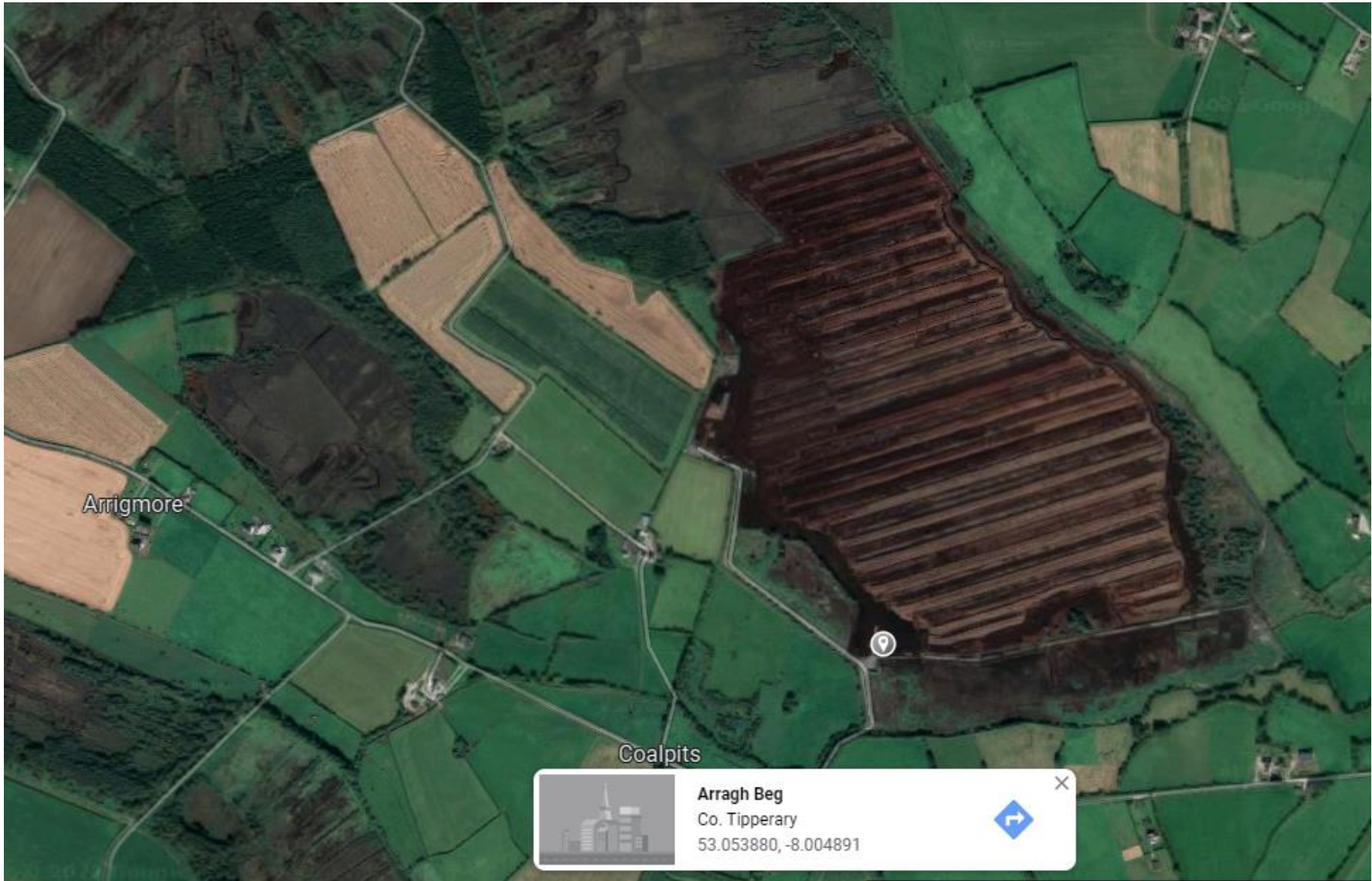
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09/05/2022

Appendix 1



Arraghmore

Coalpits

 **Arragh Beg**
Co. Tipperary
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Appendix 2



Photo 1: Recently turned and ‘clamped’ sod peat for drying noted on the peatland.



Photo 2: Attachment for excavating sod peat noted.



Photo 3: Milled peat area with stockpile of milled peat noted in the distance.



Photo 4: Recently rotovated area adjacent to the loading area noted along with peat harvesting machinery and equipment.
