



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit:	Tipperary Peat Extraction
Site Address:	Arragh Beg Bog, Arragh Beg County Tipperary
Date of Visit:	25/03/2022
Times of Visit:	10.15 am to 12.00 am
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 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 correspondance from the Agency in September and October 2022 where extraction of peat on a commercial scale was noted.

Findings of site visit of 25/03//2022: The following was noted during the visit:

- Peat extraction machinery was noted in the area (Appendix 1) at Arrabeg townland where the peat had been dug up (large sods), stockpiled in rows prior to being removed to a loading area.
- Excavators, tractors and tracked trailers for peat harvesting were noted (see Appendix 2 photographs).
- Drainage works and peat extraction (sods and milling) were noted.
- Recent peat harvesting activity had taken place in the area but no activity was noted during the visit.
- It was evident that significant peat extraction had taken place recently.
- It is considered that the rate of peat extraction in the area was intensive and at a commercial scale.

Visit to Manorstar Office location 25/03/2022:

- We called to a property owned by [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] was present and said he worked in the business of peat extraction with Manorstar.
 - He informed us that [REDACTED] Monaghan were representing him.
 - When asked why he had not responded to the Agency letters of 2021, he stated that his Solicitor had advised him not to respond.
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**Report prepared
by:**

John Gibbons &
Mick Henry

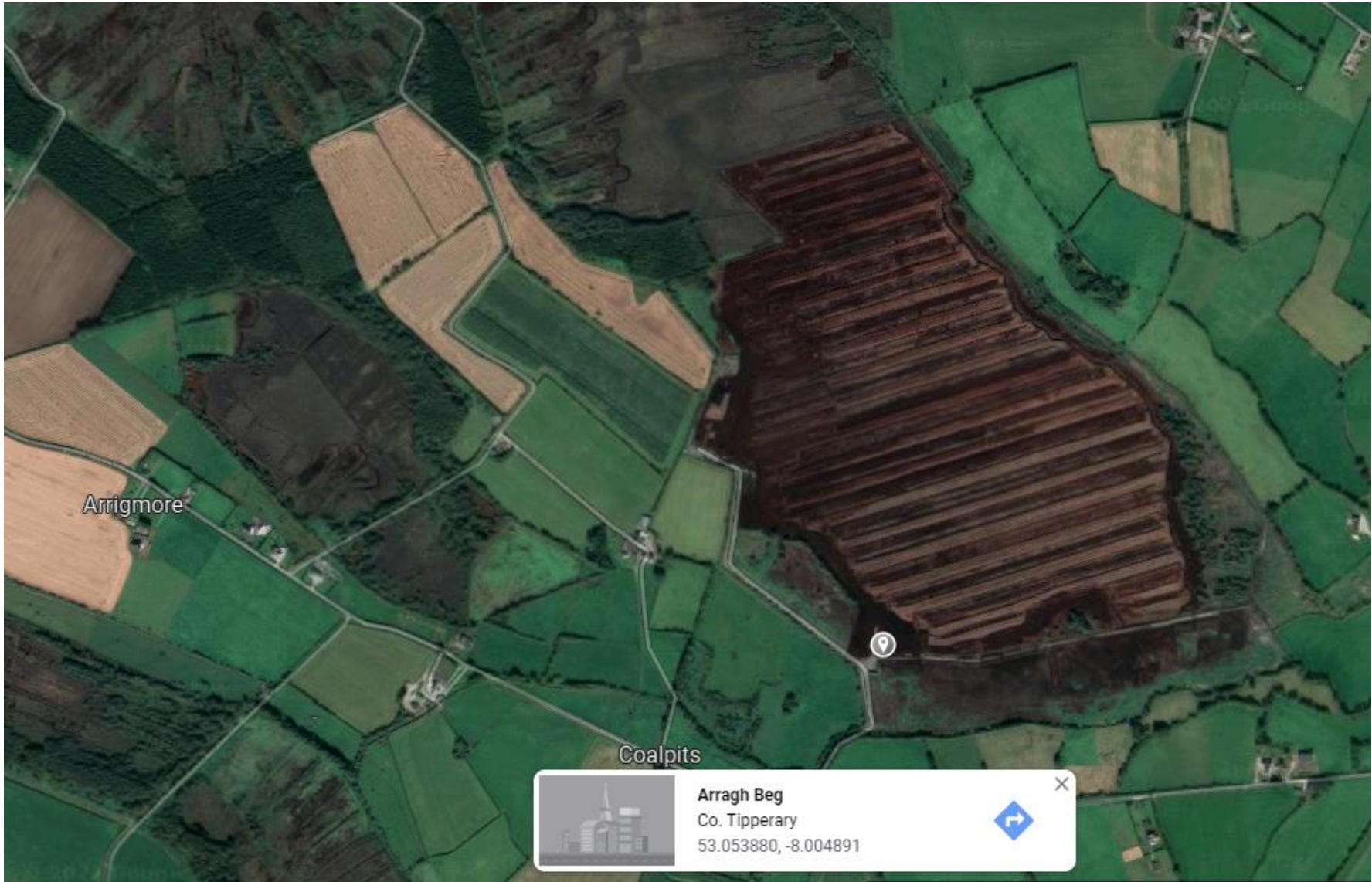
Signed:

John Gibbons
M. Henry

Date:

12/4/2022

Appendix 1



Arrigmore

Coalpits

 **Arragh Beg**
Co. Tipperary
53.053880, -8.004891  

Appendix 2



Photo 1: Large stacks of sod peat noted on the peatland



Photo 2: Milled peat area with stockpile of milled peat noted in the distance.



Photo 3: Excavator with recent activity noted on the peatland.



Photo 4: Recent activity noted on peatland.



Photo 5: Large sods drying on the peatland.



Photo 6: Tractor and tracked trailer for sod peat collection noted on the bog.
