



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Peat Extraction in Co. Roscommon

Site Address: Aghafin Bog, County Roscommon

Date of Visit: 17/10/2023

Times of Visit: 11:30 to 12:15

Visit Criteria: Peat extraction investigation

EPA Attendees: Mick Henry and Kealan Reynolds

Organisation: To be confirmed

Summary:

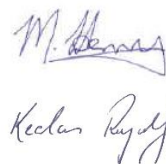
- i) The site visit commenced on lands that were the subject of correspondence received by the Agency in October 2023 where extraction of peat on a commercial scale was alleged.

Findings of site visit of 17/10/2023: The following was noted during the visit:

- Peat harvesting and peat extraction machinery and equipment was noted to be parked at the peatland. These included excavators, tractors, drainage machinery, large sod peat and milled peat extraction and harvesting machinery/equipment.
- Large sod peat had been excavated and stacked for drying for some time on the peatland at the southern and western parts of the peatland.
- At the northern part of the peatland, large sod peat had recently been excavated and left to dry on the peatland.
- Drainage works were noted to have been carried out over an extensive part of the peatland.
- No peat extraction was noted to be taking place during the visit.

Report prepared by: Mick Henry & Kealan Reynolds

Signed:



Date:

18/10/23

Appendix 1



Appendix 2



Photos 1 & 2: Preparatory drainage works carried out on the peatland.



Photo 3: Overview of the northern section of the peatland where large sod peat had recently been excavated.



Photo 4: Large sod peat which had been excavated in recent times at the northern section of the peatland.



Photo 5: Large sod peat which has been stacked for drying at the southern/western part of the peatland.



Photo 6: Attachment for excavation of large sod peat noted.



Photo 7: Two excavators noted parked on the peatland adjacent to the large sod peat excavation at northern part of peatland.



Photo 8: Machinery and equipment for drainage of the peatland noted.



Photo 9: Milled peat harvesting machinery and equipment noted at the peatland.



Photo 10: Peat harvesting machinery and equipment noted at the peatland.
