



# SITE VISIT REPORT

**Purpose of Site Visit:** Peat Extraction in Co. Offaly  
**Site Address:** Walsh Island, The Forge, Co. Offaly  
**Date of Visit:** 01/08/2023  
**Times of Visit:** 12:05 to 12:15  
**Visit Criteria:** Peat extraction investigation  
**EPA Attendees:** Mick Henry and Kealan Reynolds  
**Organisation:** Bulrush Horticulture and/or its agents

**Summary:** The purpose of the visit was to

- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were been carried out on lands at Walsh Island, The Forge, Co. Offaly.
- ii) To determine what activity and the location of the activities been undertaken was carried out at during recent months.

**Findings of site visit of 01/08/2023:** The following was noted during the visit:

- Peat harvesting machinery was noted on the peatland
- A stockpile of milled peat was noted at a loading area adjacent to the main entrance.
- No peat extraction was taking place at the time of the visit.
- It was evident that milled peat extraction had taken place in the more recent past on a number of rows at the southern end of the peatland.
- A number of rows in the centre of the peatland had not been worked for some time.

**Report prepared by:** Mick Henry & Kealan Reynolds

**Signed:**

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**Date:**

02/08/2023

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## **Appendix 1**

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## **Appendix 2**

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**Photo 1: Peat extraction had not taken place recently on some rows on the peatland.**

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**Photo 2: View of the peatland in a southerly direction.**

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**Photo 3: Stockpile of milled peat noted adjacent to the entrance to the peatland.**

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