



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Peat Extraction in Co. Offaly

Site Address: Chevy Chase Bog, Cushina, Portarlinton, County Offaly.

Date of Visit: 01/08/2023

Times of Visit: 1220 to 1315

Visit Criteria: Peat extraction investigation

EPA Attendees: Mick Henry and Kealan Reynolds

Organisation: [REDACTED] and other third parties.

Summary: The purpose of the visit was to

- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were been carried out by the above or their agents on lands owned and controlled by the above or their agents in Co Offaly.
- ii) The site visit commenced on lands that were the subject of correspondence received by the Agency in April 2022 where extraction of peat on a commercial scale was alleged.
- iii) The peatlands under investigation are part of a bog complex at the above address.

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

- Peat harvesting machinery and equipment was noted on the peatland.
- An excavator was noted to be carrying out drainage work on the peatland during the visit.
- No peat extraction was taking place during the visit.
- A large stockpile of milled peat was noted at the loading area.
- Peat harvesting machinery was also noted on adjoining peatlands which forms part of the overall bog complex and which appear to have being worked by third parties. Stockpiles of milled peat were also noted in this area.

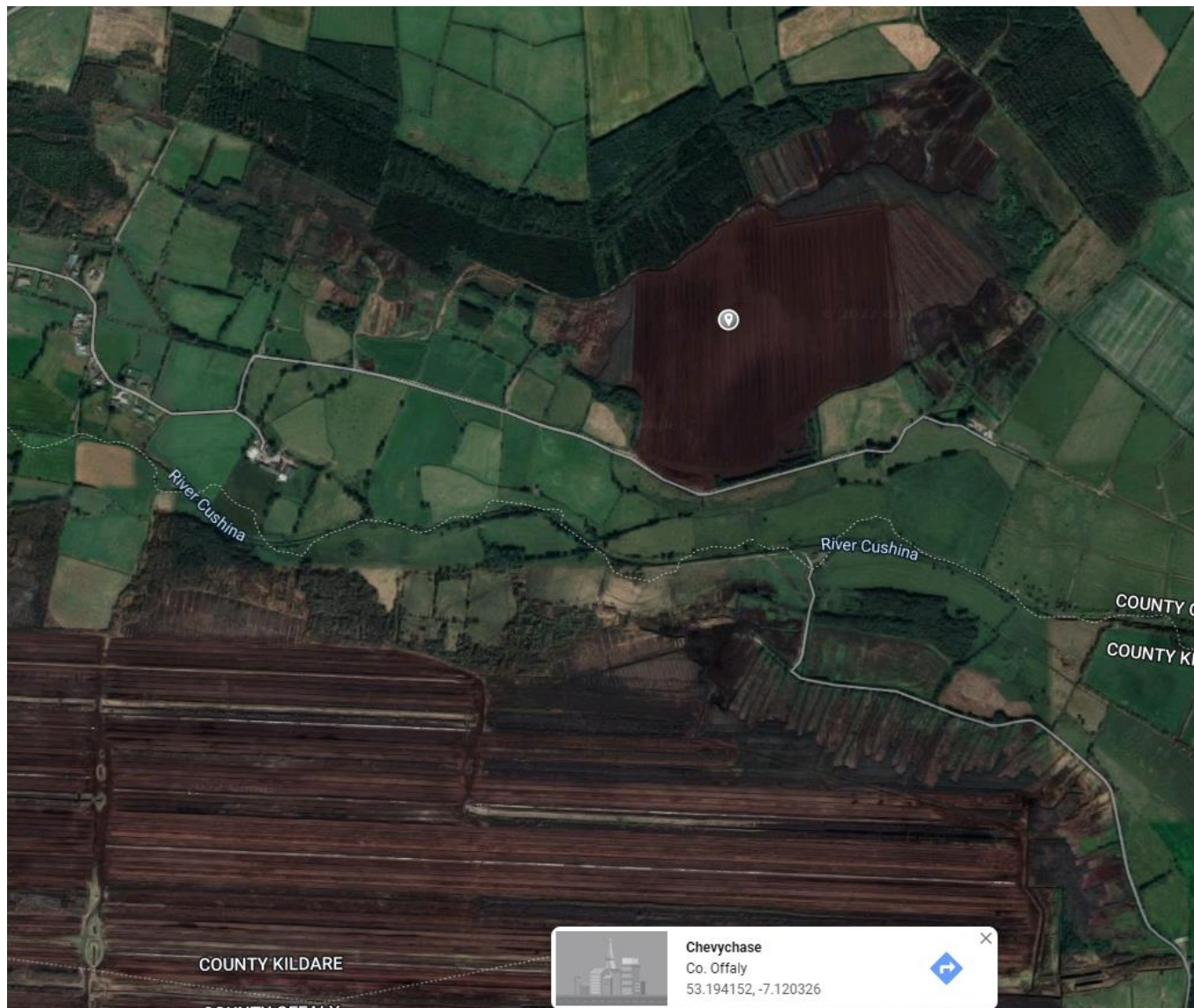
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Appendix 1



Appendix 2



Photo 1: Excavator carrying out drainage works on the peatland.



Photo 2: Peat harvesting machinery noted on the peatland.



Photo 3: Peat harvesting machinery/equipment on adjoining peatland.
