



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Peat Extraction on bog in Co. Offaly

Site Address: Bunnagappagh, The Forge, Co Offaly

Date of Visit: 01st August 2023

Times of Visit: 11:45 to 12:00

Visit Criteria: Peat extraction investigation

EPA Attendees: Mick Henry & Kealan Reynolds

Organisation: Gorman Earthworks Ireland Ltd and or its agents

Summary: The purpose of the visit was to

- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were been carried out by Gorman Peat or its agents on lands owned and controlled by Gorman Earthworks Ireland Ltd and or its agents in Co Offaly.
- ii) The site visit commenced on lands where excavation, milling and stockpiling of peat following extraction activity was noted.

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

- Peat extraction and harvesting machinery was noted on the peatland at the loading area.
- Large sod peat was noted to had been dug up, stacked and left for drying on the peatland.
- A stockpile of large sod peat was noted at the loading area.
- Machinery and equipment for peat extraction and harvesting (e.g. excavators, elevator for loading the large sod peat, tractors and trailers) was noted at this location.
- No peat extraction was taking place at the time of the visit.

Report prepared by: Mick Henry & Kealan Reynolds

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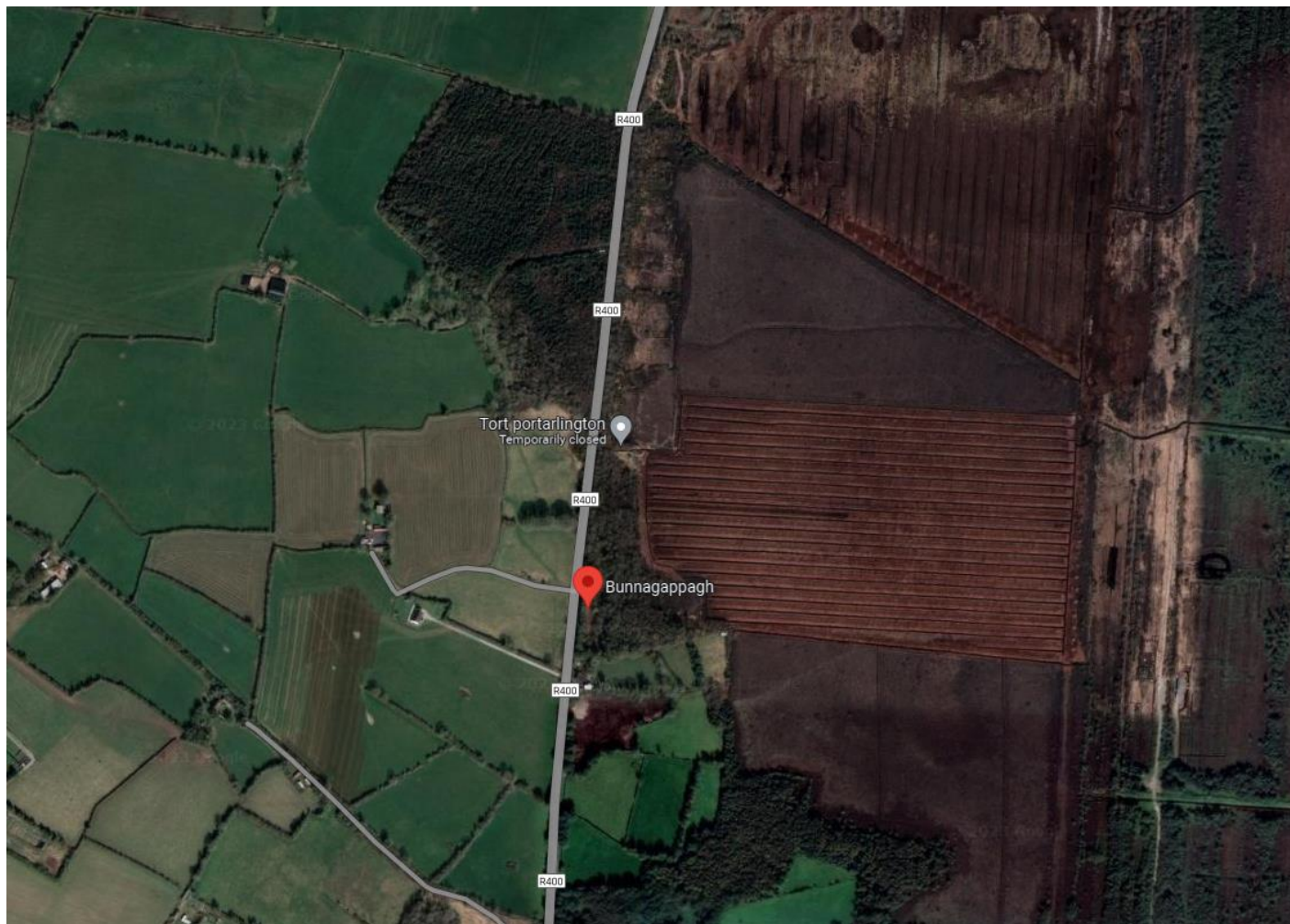
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Appendix 1



Appendix 2



Photo 1: Stockpile of large sod peat noted at loading area.



Photo 2: Excavator (with Gorman Earthworks Ireland Ltd logo) at the loading area.



Photo 3: Large sod peat stacked on the peatland for drying.



Photo 4: Elevator for loading the sod peat noted at the loading area.



Photo 5: Temporary road structures noted at the loading area.
