



# SITE VISIT REPORT

<b>Purpose of Site Visit:</b>	Peat Extraction in Co. Offaly
<b>Site Address:</b>	Ballymacrossan, Co. Offaly
<b>Date of Visit:</b>	9th April 2024
<b>Times of Visit:</b>	1100 to 1145
<b>Visit Criteria:</b>	Peat extraction investigation
<b>EPA Attendees:</b>	Mick Henry & Kealan Reynolds
<b>Organisation</b>	Gorman Earthworks Ireland Ltd and or its agents

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

- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were being carried out at the above address.
- ii) The site visit occurred on lands where extraction and loading of peat was previously being undertaken.

**Findings of site visit of 09/04/2024:**

- During the visit, we spoke with Mr. Brian Gorman and a number of other men. We outlined the purpose of our visit to Mr. Gorman.
- Mr. Gorman stated that peat extraction had taken place for the last 3½ years but that peat extraction was due to cease this week. The extracted peat was being supplied to Harte Peat.
- The overall plan for the site was to create a nature park with lodges on it and a planning meeting was scheduled to take place with Laois Co Co on the 11<sup>th</sup> April 24.
- Peat extraction machinery (excavator) was noted to be parked on the peatland but it was not working the time of the site visit.

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

**Signed:** 



**Date:** 11/04/2024

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## **Appendix 1**

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