



# SITE VISIT REPORT

**Purpose of Site Visit:** Peat Extraction in Co. Tipperary

**Site Address:** Monaincha, Thesheehys and Corville townlands,  
Roscrea, Co Tipperary

**Date of Visit:** 31/01/2024

**Times of Visit:** 10:55 to 12:20

**Visit Criteria:** Peat extraction investigation

**EPA Attendees:** Mick Henry and Kealan Reynolds

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

- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were being carried out on lands at Monaincha, Thesheehys and Corville townlands, Roscrea, Co Tipperary.
- ii) The site visit commenced on lands where extraction of peat on a commercial scale was noted previously.

**Findings of site visit of 31/01/2024:** The following was noted during the visit:

- The extraction of large sod peat was noted to have ceased since the previous visit to the peatland 26/01/24.
- Two excavators were noted to be parked on the peatland and both excavators had buckets attached for clearing/draining the peatland.
- Some additional extraction of large sod peat was noted at the southern part of the peatland since the previous visit on 26/01/24.
- A significant amount of large sod peat was noted to have been recently extracted and left on the bog for drying at the southern part of the peatland. A total of 43 plots/rows were noted where large sod peat was drying on the peatland.
- No extraction of large sod peat or milling of peat was taking place during the visit.
- Machinery for peat harvesting (e.g. peat collection equipment, trailers etc) were noted to be parked at the loading area at the peatland. A significant number of tyres were noted at the loading area.

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

**Signed:**

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**Date:**

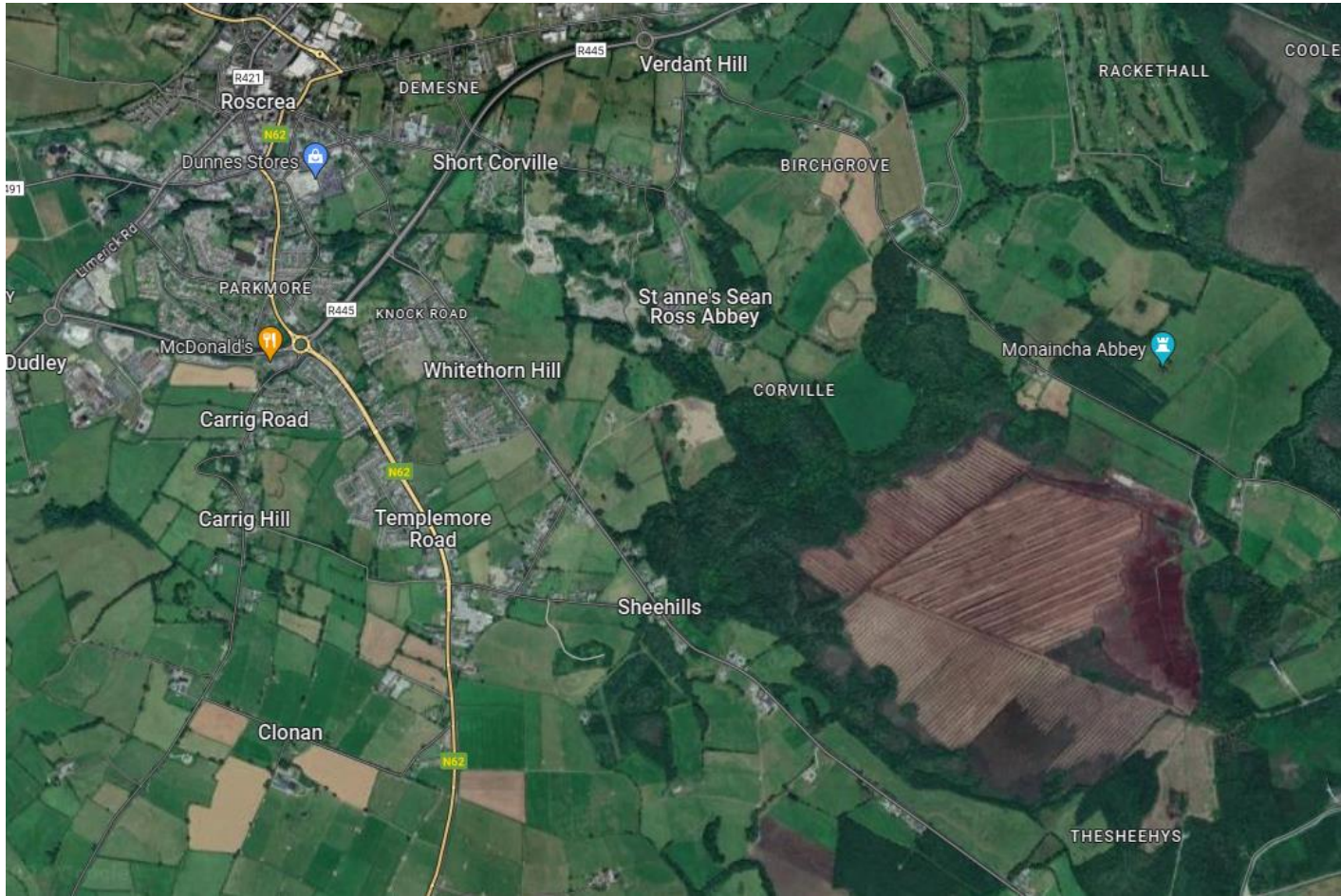
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## **Appendix 1**

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## **Appendix 2**

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**Photo 1: Photograph showing a section of the western/north western part of the peatland where clearing, drainage and preparatory works had recently taken place.**

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**Photo 2: Aerial photograph showing the western/north western part of the peatland where clearing, drainage and preparatory works had recently taken place (note excavator parked on extreme left of photo).**

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**Photo 3: Excavator parked on the western/north western section of the peatland where clearing, drainage and preparatory works had recently taken place.**

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**Photo 4: Aerial photograph of southern part of the peatland where large sod peat was recently excavated.**

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**Photo 5: Photograph of southern part of the peatland where plastic covering was noted adjacent to the rows of extracted large sod peat.**

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**Photo 6: Photograph showing attachment for large sod peat extraction which was noted at the loading area.**

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**Photo 7: Aerial photograph showing the loading area at the northern part of the peatland.**

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