



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit:	Peat Extraction in Co. Kildare
Site Address:	Ballinderry, Carbury, Co. Kildare
Date of Visit:	10/07/24
Times of Visit:	1010 to 1540
Visit Criteria:	Peat extraction investigation
EPA Attendees:	Mick Henry
Organisation:	Clairstone Ltd

Summary: The purpose of the visit was to

- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were being carried out on lands at the above address in Ballinderry, Carbury, Co. Kildare (Appendix 1).
- ii) To determine what activities and the location of the activities being undertaken were carried out.
- iii) The EPA inspector was also accompanied by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who were carrying out surveying and mapping of the peatland on behalf of the EPA.

Findings of site visit of 10/07/24: The following was noted during the visit:

- I met with [REDACTED] and advised [REDACTED] of the purpose of the visit.
 - No peat extraction was taking place during the visit. However, it was noted that some peat had been milled/harrowed and ridged recently but had not been collected from the peatland.
 - An excavator was noted to be carrying out drainage works on the Eastern boundary of the peatland.
 - Significant drainage works had been carried out throughout the peatland. An examination of some of the drains on the peatland showed that the layer of peat was reduced to approximately one metre in places and the marl like material was evident in a number of the drains. Some of the drains were also noted to be a milky white/brown colour.
 - Machinery/equipment for extracting and harvesting peat was noted to be parked adjacent to the bagging/processing plant at the site.
 - Large stockpiles of milled peat were noted adjacent to the bagging/processing plant.
 - The surveying and mapping work carried out during the visit involved walking the boundary and significant parts of the peatland.
 - Photos were taken throughout the visit at various on-site locations.
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Report prepared Mick Henry
by:

Signed:



Date:

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Appendix 1



Appendix 2



Photo 1: Photo showing the marl like materials underlying the remaining peaty deposits on the peatland.



Photos 2 & 3: Milkywhite/brown colour noted in drains on the peatland, also note marl like material close to the surface of the peatland.



Photo 4: Photo showing slippage in some of the drains on the peatland.



Photo 5: Photo showing peat which had been recently milled and ridged awaiting collection from the peatland.
