



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit:	Peat Extraction in Co. Kildare
Site Address:	Ballinderry, Carbury, Co. Kildare
Date of Visit:	12/06/24
Times of Visit:	1400 to 1550
Visit Criteria:	Peat extraction investigation
EPA Attendees:	Mick Henry & Kealan Reynolds
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 inspectors were also accompanied by [REDACTED] who was carrying out an assessment of the peatland on behalf of the EPA.

Findings of site visit of 12/06/24: The following was noted during the visit:

- Aerial footage and photos were taken by EPA inspectors throughout the visit from off-site and on-site locations.
 - EPA Inspectors met with [REDACTED] and advised [REDACTED] of the purpose of the visit.
 - Milled peat extraction was noted to be taking place at various locations on the peatland during the visit.
 - Significant dust emissions were noted to be arising from the milled peat extraction activities.
 - Machinery/equipment for extracting and harvesting peat was noted to be parked on the peatland and adjacent to the bagging/processing plant at the site.
 - Large stockpiles of milled peat were noted adjacent to the bagging/processing plant and an excavator was working on top the stockpiles.
 - Significant quantities of bagged material were stored at the site. A lorry was being loaded in the yard area where the bagged material was being stored.
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Date:

14/06/24

Appendix 1



Appendix 2



Photo 1: Peat extraction was noted to be taking place during the visit.



Photo 2: Peat extraction was noted to be taking place during the visit with significant dust arising.



Photo 3: Significant dust emissions were noted to be coming from the peat extraction activities at the peatland.



Photo 4: Aerial photo of milled peat extraction activities taking place during the visit.



Photo 5: Machine for ‘milling’ peat was noted at the peatland.



Photo 6: Significant stockpiles of milled peat were noted adjacent to the bagging plant.
