



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Peat Extraction in Co. Kildare

Site Address: Ballinderry, Carbury, Co. Kildare

Date of Visit: 17/07/24

Times of Visit: 1120 to 1420

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] who were carrying out surveying/mapping of the peatland on behalf of the EPA.

Findings of site visit of 17/07/24: The following was noted during the visit:

- No peat extraction was taking place during the visit. However, it was noted that some peat extraction had recently taken place on the peatland.
- Further drainage works were noted to have taken place on the peatland since the previous EPA site visit of 10th July 2024.
- The surveying/mapping work carried out during the visit involved the use of an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) which was flown over the peatland.
- During the visit, I went to the facility offices to inform [REDACTED] of the purpose of the visit but [REDACTED] was not present on-site at the time. I met one of the staff who was working at the facility and I informed him of the work we were carrying out.
- Photos were taken throughout the visit at various on-site locations.

Report prepared by: Mick Henry

Signed:

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Date:

25/07/24

Appendix 1



Appendix 2



Photo 1: Photo of an area of the peatland where peat extraction had recently taken place.



Photo 2: Photo of sedimentation pond and associated drainage (taken from the South Eastern corner of the peatland).



Photo 3: Photo of ongoing drainage works at the peatland.



Photo 4: Photo of UAV (drone) used to carry out survey of the peatland.
