



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit:	Peat Extraction in Co. Kildare
Site Address:	Ballinderry, Carbury, Co. Kildare
Date of Visit:	05/06/24
Times of Visit:	10.35am to 2.10pm
Visit Criteria:	Peat extraction investigation
EPA Attendees:	Kealan Reynolds and Simon Buckley
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.

Findings of site visit of 05/06/24: 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.
 - 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.
 - EPA Inspectors met with [REDACTED] and advised [REDACTED] of the purpose of the visit. [REDACTED] informed the EPA Inspectors that they were working an area of less than 30 hectares and that included access roads, bagging and storage areas. [REDACTED] said that it was his intention to operate at <30ha for the foreseeable future.
 - EPA Inspectors walked the peatlands and noted the areas of the peatland where milled peat extraction had recently taken place.
 - Drainage works were noted to have been undertaken on the peatland and the water levels in the drains in some parts of the peatland were raised.
 - Stockpiles of milled peat were noted adjacent to the bagging/processing plant and milled peat was being moved and processed from the stockpiles. The bagging plant was in operation during the inspection.
 - Significant quantities of bagged material were stored at the site and some loads of material were being transported off-site during the inspection.
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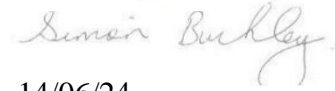
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Signed:



Simon Buckley



Date:

14/06/24

Appendix 1



Appendix 2



Photo 1: Milled peat extraction was noted to be taking place during the visit, note significant dust emissions arising.



Photo 2: Milled peat extraction was noted to be taking place during the visit.



Photo 3: Milled peat extraction was noted to be taking place during the visit.



Photo 4: Milled peat extraction was noted to be taking place during the visit.



Photo 5: Drainage works noted on the peatland.



Photo 6– Milled peat extraction activities were ongoing during the visit.



Photo 7– Photo of milled peat stockpiles adjacent to the bagging plant.
