



# SITE VISIT REPORT

**Purpose of Site Visit:** Peat Extraction in Co Longford

**Site Address:** Derrymore, Ardagh Co Longford

**Date of Visit:** 16/05/2024

**Times of Visit:** 11:10 to 11:45

**Visit Criteria:** Peat extraction investigation

**EPA Attendee:** Kealan Reynolds

**Organisation:** Derrymore Peat Ltd [REDACTED], Midland Turf, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and/or its agents

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

- i) Ascertain whether peat extraction activities were being carried on by the above or their agents on lands owned and controlled by the above named parties or their agents in Co Longford.

**Findings of site visit of 16/05/2024: The following was noted:**

- Aerial footage and photos were taken by EPA inspector.
- No Peat extraction/harvesting was taking place during the visit.
- There was evidence of recent working of the peatland at the north-eastern part of the site where peat had been milled.
- Large sod peat had been excavated and left to dry at the northwestern part of the peatland. It was noted that the large sod peat extraction had taken place since the previous EPA site visit on 05/03/24.
- Drains had been cleaned along the western part of the site where milling had occurred in the past.
- There was no evidence of any peat extraction in recent times along the central portion of the site.
- Machinery for peat extraction/harvesting was noted to be parked adjacent to the entrance area/access road at the southern part of the peatland.

**Report prepared by:** Kealan Reynolds

**Signed:**

**Date:**

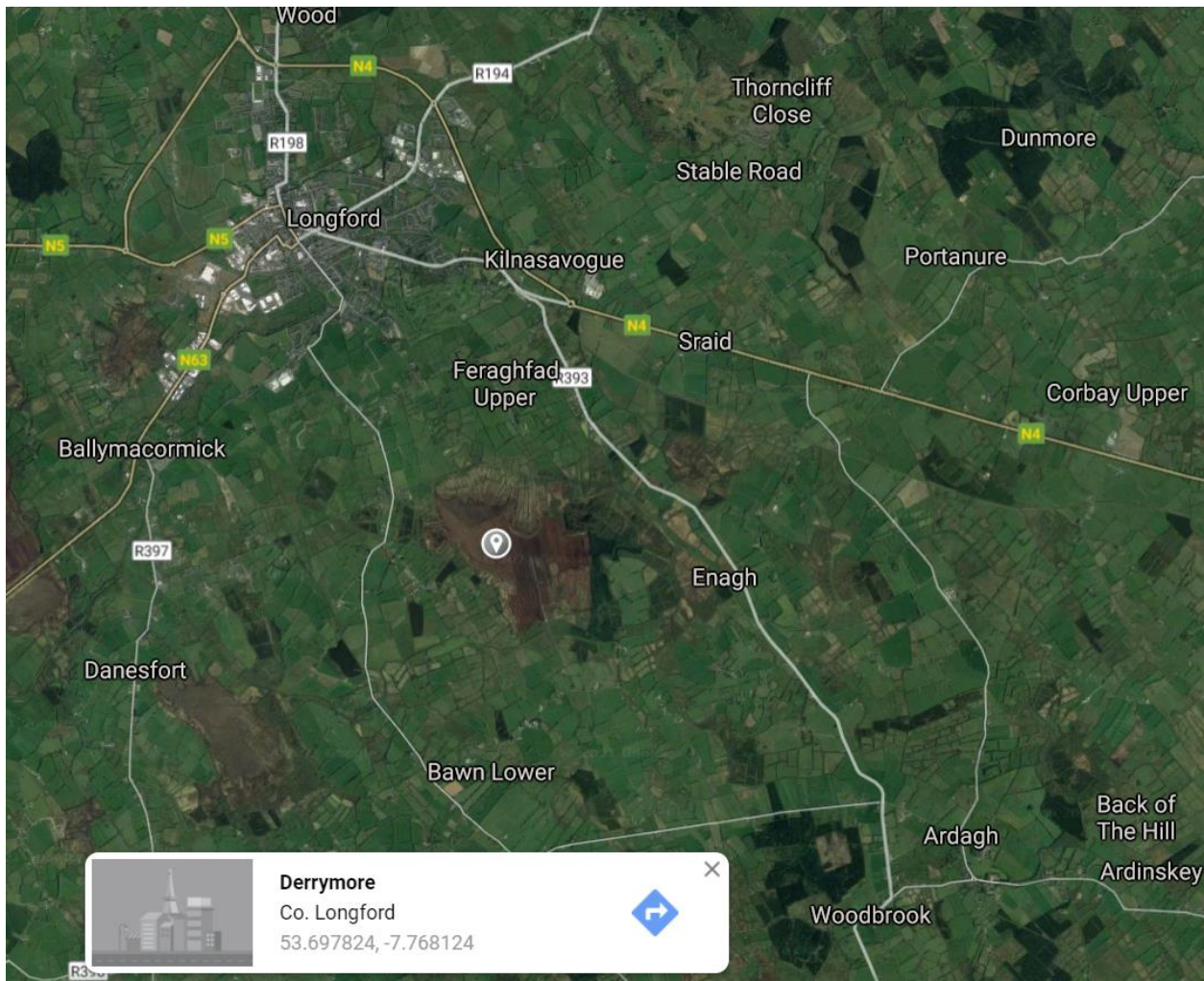
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## **Appendix 1**

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## **Appendix 2**

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**Photo 1: Area to the north east of the peatland where there was evidence of recent peat milling activity.**

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**Photo 2: Area along the western/north western side of the peatland where drains had been cleared.**

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**Photo 3: Area at the north western part of the site where large sod had recently been excavated.**

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