



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit:	Peat Extraction in Co Longford
Site Address:	Derrymore, Ardagh Co Longford
Date of Visit:	20/05/2024
Times of Visit:	09:00 to 14:40
Visit Criteria:	Peat extraction investigation
EPA Attendee:	Mick Henry and Simon Buckley
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 20/05/2024: The following was noted:

- Milled peat extraction was noted to be ongoing during the visit at various locations on the peatland. In particular, the harrowing of milled peat was taking place during the visit. Once we entered the peatland, the milled peat harrowing was noted to cease.
 - We spoke to [REDACTED] and informed [REDACTED] of the purpose of our visit. [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] was carrying out the peat extraction operations on the peatland and that the milling of peat had only restarted in the last few days. [REDACTED] also stated that [REDACTED] was working on an area <30 hectares (28.9 ha) and that [REDACTED] was awaiting a reply Longford Co Co on information [REDACTED] had recently submitted to them on the matter. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] did not have a map of the working area but said we could obtain a copy from Longford Co Co.
 - Large sod peat had recently been extracted and left out on the North western section of the peatland. [REDACTED] said that he had extracted the large sod peat in the last month or so.
 - One excavator was noted to be parked on a milled peat stockpile at the loading area.
 - A significant number of machines and equipment for peat extraction/harvesting was noted to be parked adjacent to the loading area/entrance at the Southern part of the peatland.
 - Aerial footage and photos were taken by EPA inspectors throughout the visit from off-site and on-site locations.
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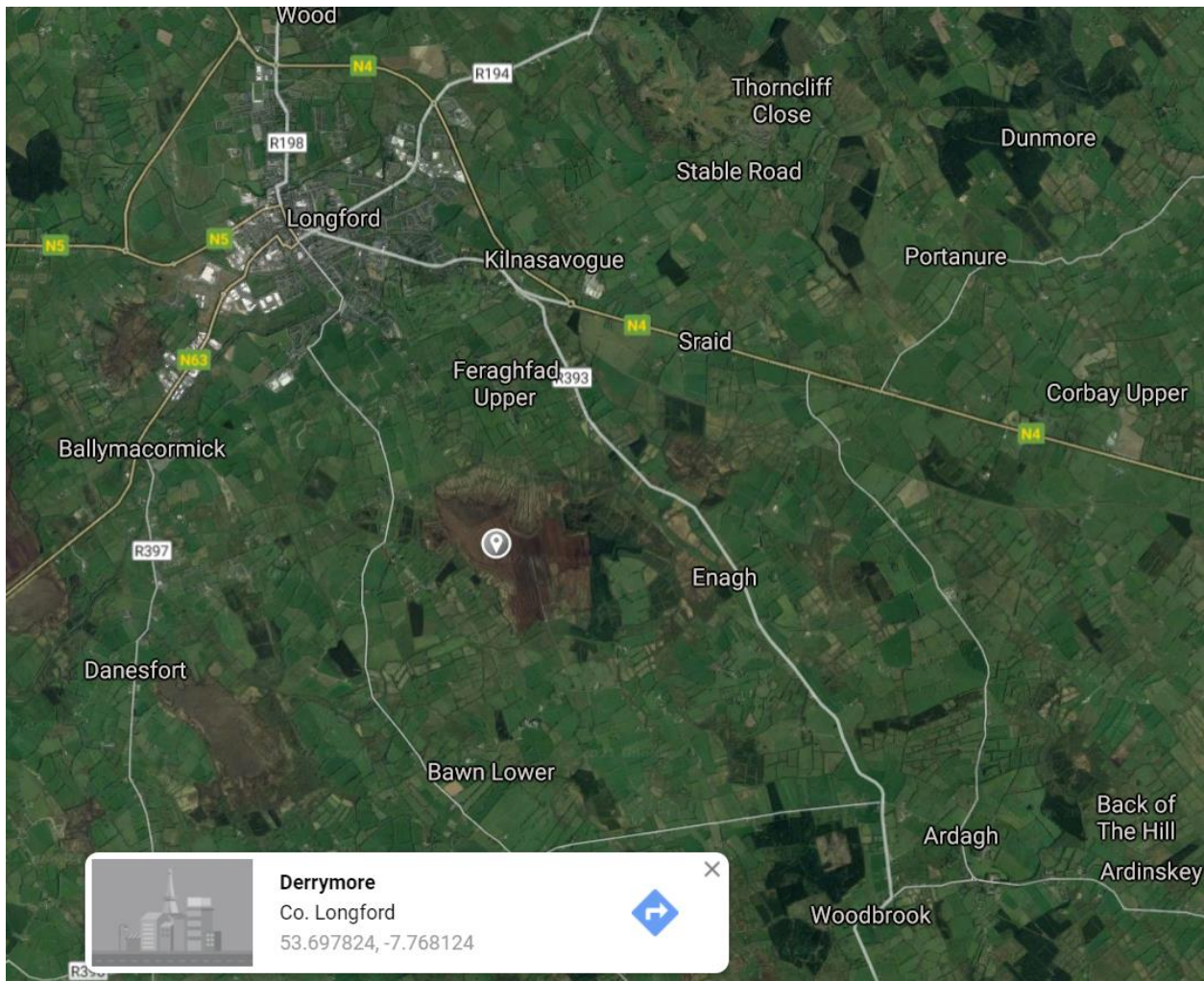
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Appendix 1





Appendix 2



Photo 1: General overview of the North western section of the peatland.



Photo 2: General overview of the North/North eastern section of the peatland.

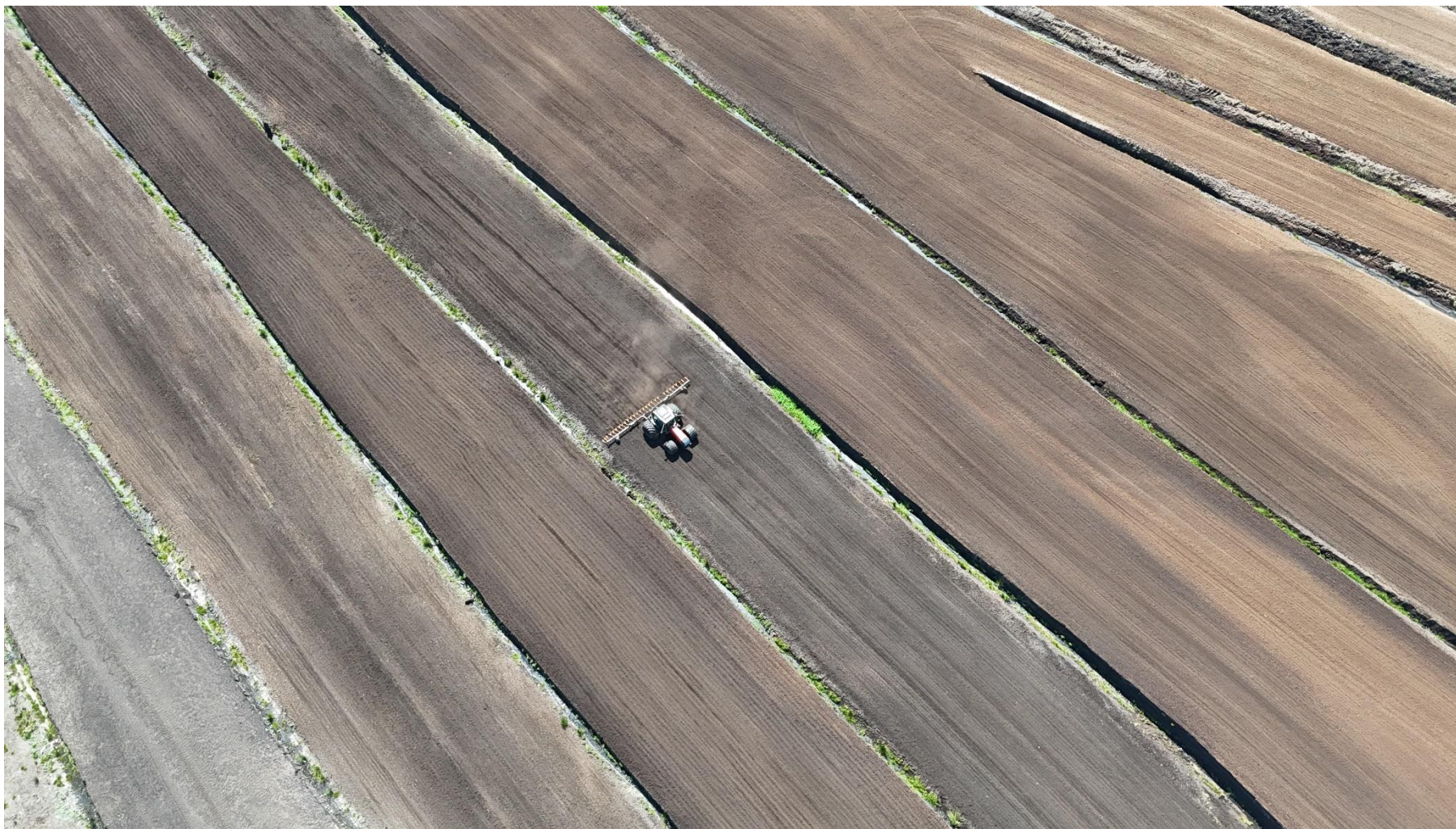


Photo 3: Milled peat harrowing was noted to be taking place during the visit.



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



Photo 5: View of section of the peatland where large sod peat had recently been excavated, note milled peat extraction taking place also.



Photo 6: Milled peat harrowing was noted to be taking place during the visit.



Photos 7 & 8: Milled peat extraction machinery and equipment noted at the loading area.



Photos 9 & 10: Milled peat extraction machinery and equipment noted at the loading area.



Photos 11, 12 & 13: Large sod peat extraction attachments were noted at the loading area.



Photos 14 & 15: Recently milled peat noted on the peatland.
