



SITE VISIT REPORT

Purpose of Site Visit: Peat Extraction in Co. Offaly
Site Address: Killurin, Co. Offaly
Date of Visit: 23rd May 2024
Times of Visit: 11:00 to 12:30
Visit Criteria: Peat extraction investigation
EPA Attendees: Mick Henry & Kealan Reynolds
Organisation [REDACTED] and/or others

Summary: The purpose of the visit was to ascertain whether peat extraction activities were being carried out at the above address and to determine the scale and nature of the activities.

Findings of site visit of 23/05/2024:

- During the visit, we spoke to a [REDACTED] who identified himself as [REDACTED]. We outlined the purpose of our visit to [REDACTED]. The scale of the peat extraction activities were considered to be significant and of a commercial nature.
- [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] owned 60 acres of the peatland and that others owned the rest.
- A significant number of machines for milled peat extraction and harvesting were noted on the peatland.
- A loading area, sheds and ancillary items e.g. sedimentation ponds, water pumps which are associated with peat extraction were also noted on the peatland.
- Milled peat extraction had recently taken place on the peatland although no peat extraction was taking place during the visit.

Report prepared by: Mick Henry & Kealan Reynolds

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Date: 06/06/24

Appendix 1



 **Killurin**
Co. Offaly
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Appendix 2



Photo 1: General overview of the peatland in a westerly direction.



Photo 2: Section of peatland in the distance (in westerly direction) which is connected to the main peatland by an internal road/track.



Photo 3: Photo showing main entrance to the peatland, loading area, sheds and sedimentation ponds.



Photo 4: Photo showing recent milled peat extraction having taken place on the peatland.



Photo 5: Photo showing excavator with 'Gorman Plant Hire' noted.



Photo 6: Water pump noted at one of sedimentation ponds.



Photo 7: Photo showing milled peat extraction and harvesting equipment on the peatland.



Photo 8: Photo showing milled peat extraction and harvesting equipment on the peatland.



Photo 9: Photo showing milled peat extraction and harvesting equipment on the peatland.



Photo 10: Photo showing milled peat extraction and harvesting equipment on the peatland.
