

25 Oct 2024

Commercial Peat Extraction within County Longford

Coolcraff Bog

Description

In accordance with the County wide enforcement plan, an investigation has commenced as follows:

Site inspections were carried out in July 2023 and Oct 2024:

The investigation having regard to the following directives.

Environmental Impact Assessment Directive (Directive 2011/92/EU, as amended).

The Birds Directive (Directive 2009/147/EC, as amended)

The Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC, as amended), the Local Government Water Pollution Act 1977 & 1990 and

The Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 in respect of unauthorised commercial peat extraction.

The following was noted:

Bogs at Coolcraff

These bogs were found to be owned by Bord Na Mona Ireland, Newbridge Co Kildare.

As the Bog fall within 5 Km of Derragh Bog SAC and Lough Kinale & Derragh Lough SPA, it is considered exemptions from planning due to the Areas being under the threshold area of 30 Ha do not apply without further justification in the form of Environmental Impact Assessment.

Proposed Action:

Planning Enforcement action was commenced on the basis that the required Environmental Impact Assessments are not in place.

Warning letters in accordance with section 152 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) to issue to:

Bord Na Mona by 31 October 2024

Timeframes for Enforcement:

A Warning letter in accordance with section 152 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) shall be issued to Derrymore Peat Limited by 31 October 2024.

A decision on Enforcement shall be made within 12 weeks of the date of Warning Letter i.e. by 31 Jan 2025

An Enforcement Notice in accordance with section 154 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) shall be issued within two weeks of the decision to enforce.

Prosecution of Offences (summary) shall be commenced within 6 months of the date of offence.



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