

Enforcement Report UNA2024-72

Name of Referring Party:	Environmental Protection Agency
Location of Alleged Breach:	Bogs at Lisnagrish, Lissanure Clontymullan and Aughnaveloge
Description of Alleged Breach by referring party:	Unauthorised Extraction of peat
Date Complaint Received:	Mar 2023
Date of Inspection:	20 Mar 2023, 4 Oct 24 & 19 Nov 24

Description of Site conditions and Breach

This report arises from a complaint from The Environmental Protection Agency regarding bogs within County Longford on which large scale peat extraction is or has taken place.

Planning History

None

Site Ownership

Lissallagh & Lissanure Bogs

MIDLAND IRISH PEAT MOSS LIMITED of KILLINA, RATHOWEN, COUNTY Westmeath are the registered owners of the main part of Bog, this area falls within County Westmeath.

The section within County Longford is divided into small 1 ac plots which are not registered on Land Registry.

Aughnaveloge

Owned by Klasmann Dielmann Ireland

Clontymullan

Owned by Bord Na Mona

Assessment

Bogs at Lisnagrish & Lissanure

Site inspections was carried out on 20 Mar 2023, 4 Oct 2024 19 Nov 24 and the following was noted:

Milled and Sod peat have been harvested in this bog for many years, however the majority area of the bog falls within county Westmeath. The area of the worked section of bog in county Longford is approximately 23 acres of the bog.

This area falls below the threshold area of 30 ha.

Bogs at Clontymullan and Aughnaveloge

These bogs were found to be operated by or on behalf of Klasmann Dielmann Ireland

As the Bogs fall within 5 Km of Glen Bog Special Protection Area and proposed National Heritage Area, it is considered not exempt from planning due to the Areas being under the

threshold area of 30 Ha which does not apply without further justification in the form of Environmental Impact Assessment.

Recommendation

Is recommended a **Warning Letter** in accordance with section 152 of the Planning & Development Act (as amended) be issued to the operators **Midland Peat Moss Limited**, KILLINA, RATHOWEN, COUNTY Westmeath

In relation to Unauthorised Commercial Peat Extraction in **Lisnagrish & Lissanure**, Bogs Co Longford.

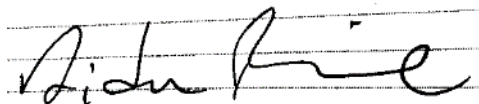
It is the opinion of the Planning Authority that an Environmental Impact Assessment may be required in relation to Peat extraction activities carried out in recent years.

Is also recommended a **Warning Letter** in accordance with section 152 of the Planning & Development Act (as amended) be issued to the operators **Klasmann Dielmann** Ireland, Killinaugh Co Westmeath

In relation to Unauthorised Commercial Peat Extraction at **Aughnaveologe** Bog Co Longford. It is the opinion of the Planning Authority that an Environmental Impact Assessment may be required in relation to Peat extraction activities carried out in recent years.

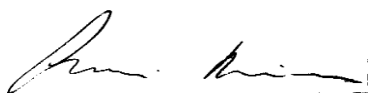
Is also recommended a **Warning Letter** in accordance with section 152 of the Planning & Development Act (as amended) be issued to the owners **Bord Na Mona** Ireland, Newbridge Co Kildare

In relation to Unauthorised Commercial Peat Extraction at **Clontymullan** Bog Co Longford. It is the opinion of the Planning Authority that an Environmental Impact Assessment may be required in relation to Peat extraction activities carried out in recent years.



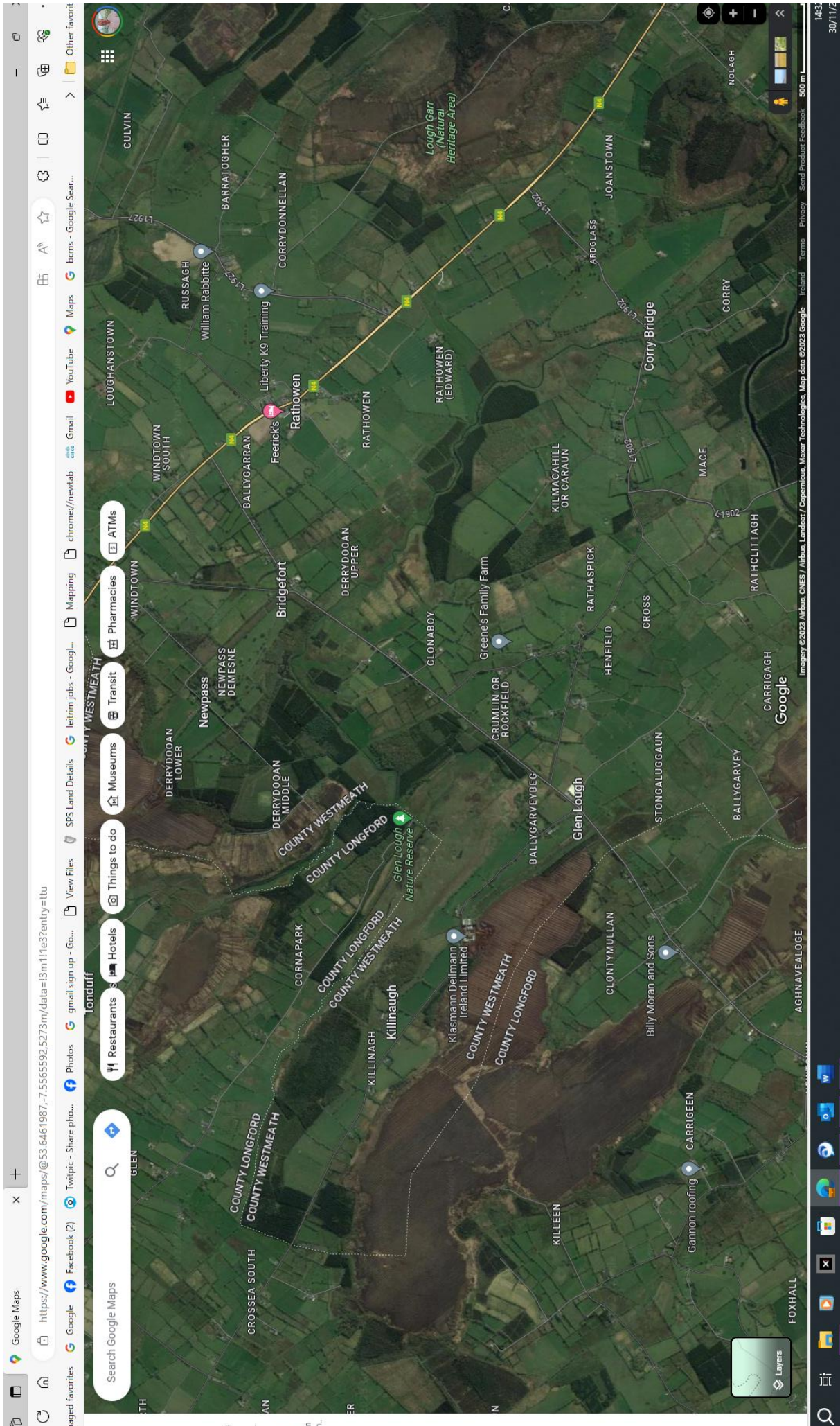
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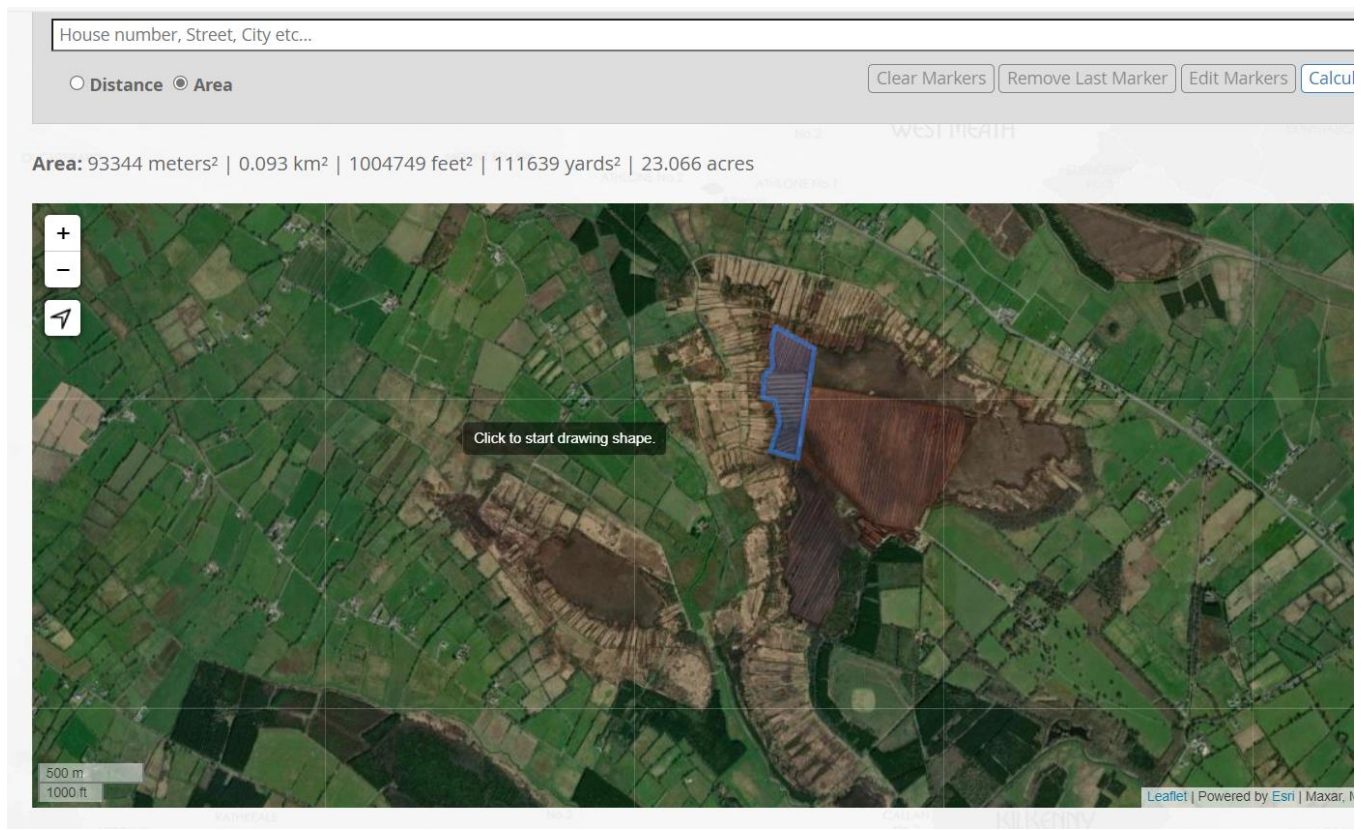
Planning Enforcement Officer
Aiden Beirne



Date 20 Nov 2024

Louise Kiernan
Senior Planner





The area highlighted falls within the county boundaries of Longford.



Aerial Photo of Aghnavealoe Bog dated 2024
Extract from Google maps



Clontymullan Bog looking towards County Longford 19 Nov 24



Clontymullan Bog looking towards County Longford 19 Nov 24



Peat stockpiles at Derrydooan looking towards Lisnagrish & Lissanure
19 Nov 24