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**RE: Unauthorised Commercial Peat Extraction – Terms of a Proposed Direction issued pursuant to Section 63(3)(c) of the Environmental Agency Protection Act 1992 proposed to the issued pursuant to section 63(5) of the 1992 Act, relating to commercial peat extraction.**

Dear Ms McDonnell,

In relation to your correspondence sent by email on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024 in respect of unauthorised commercial peat extraction in County Longford and associated Proposed Direction by the EPA, I wish to make the following observations.

It is proposed to carry out a review of the following relevant listed Bogs in County Longford commencing in September 2024:

- a. Coolcraff;
- b. Clooniher and Annaghcooleen;
- c. Derrymore, Trillickacurry and Ballymakeegan;
- d. Lisnagrish, Lissanure, Clontymullan and Aghnavelogue.

This review will consist of further site visits to each Bog. Where deemed necessary the owners/operators shall be required to prepare and submit a detailed Appropriate Assessment screening report and determination statement - Stage 1 and Stage 2 (Natura Impact Statement Report), given the subject site location and proximity to nearby Natura 2000 sites, including SAC and SPA.

Kind Regards,



**John Brannigan**

**Director of Services**

**Longford County Council**



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