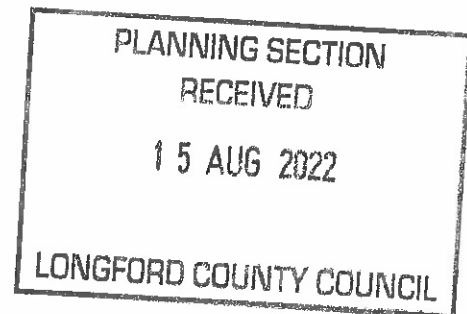


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10 August 2022

Longford County Council
County Buildings
Great Water Street
Longford
N39 NH56
By Registered Post



Dear Sirs

Our client: Derrymore Peat Limited ("DPL")
Peat extraction activities at Derrymore, County Longford

We refer to the above matter and to your letter to our client of 13 July 2022.

In former correspondence of 30 March 2022, it was stated that you have "assessed" that the "*lands at Derrymore Bog*" subject to peat extraction activity is of "*an area of circa 70 hectares*". In this regard, it is suggested that DPL requires planning permission and an EPA licence to proceed with its peat extraction operations. It is further suggested that, should DPL recommence peat extraction works without the benefit of such authorisations, the Planning Authority would pursue enforcement action. Subsequently, on 13 July 2022, our client received your Warning Letter in which it is alleged that unauthorised development namely, "*unauthorised peat extraction on an area exceeding 30ha. at Derrymore Bog*", is taking place.

The letter of 30 March 2022 simply refers to "*the total area*" of "*lands at Derrymore Bog*" being "*worked*" without identifying any specific landholding or the identity of those allegedly working on such landholdings. Further, the letters of 30 March 2022 and 13 July 2022 do not provide any basis for your assessment that peat extraction is occurring in an area of "*circa 70 ha*" or "*an area exceeding 30 ha*".

Our client instructs us that many different parties have engaged in peat extraction, over many years, on many different landholdings within the immediate and wider surrounding areas of Derrymore, County Longford, which DPL has no current or historic involvement with. Our client confirms that its peat extraction activity in the area occupied by it is below the 30 hectare threshold.

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We trust that the above is in order and that this matter may be treated as closed.

Yours faithfully


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