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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**Extension of Time for Response to Proposed Direction issued pursuant to Section 63(3)(c) of the Environmental Agency Protection Act 1992 ("the 1992 Act") proposed to be issued pursuant to section 63(5) of the 1992 Act, relating to commercial peat extraction.**

BY REGISTERED POST

To: Westmeath County Council (the "Local Authority")

FAO: Mr. Barry Kehoe, Chief Executive

EPA Reference: Unauthorised Commercial Peat Extraction

Dear Mr. Kehoe

I refer to the Agency's Proposed Direction issued on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024 and also to the response received from Westmeath County Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 in relation to the unauthorised commercial peat extraction in Co. Westmeath.

**The Agency has assessed your response and now requests that Westmeath County Council submits the detailed specific information requested in the above mentioned Proposed Direction by 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024.**

**The Agency reminds Westmeath County Council of the requirement to comply with Section 63 of the 1992 Act.**

Dated this **25<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024**

Signed on behalf of the Agency:

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**Pamela Mc Donnell**