

## Tipperary County Council

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**To:** Anne-Marie Devaney, A/Senior Planner

**From:** Marie Ryan, Senior Executive Planner

**Re:** Peatland Survey of Annagh & Straduff Bog,

**Location:** Arraghbeg, Riverstown, Co Tipperary

**Date of Report:** 28/11/2023

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#### Summary

A Peatland Survey of Arraghbeg Bog, was undertaken by Nevan Phelan, Senior Executive Technician on the 13/01/2023 with a desk top study carried out in relation to the bog.

Extraction area outlined in red below.

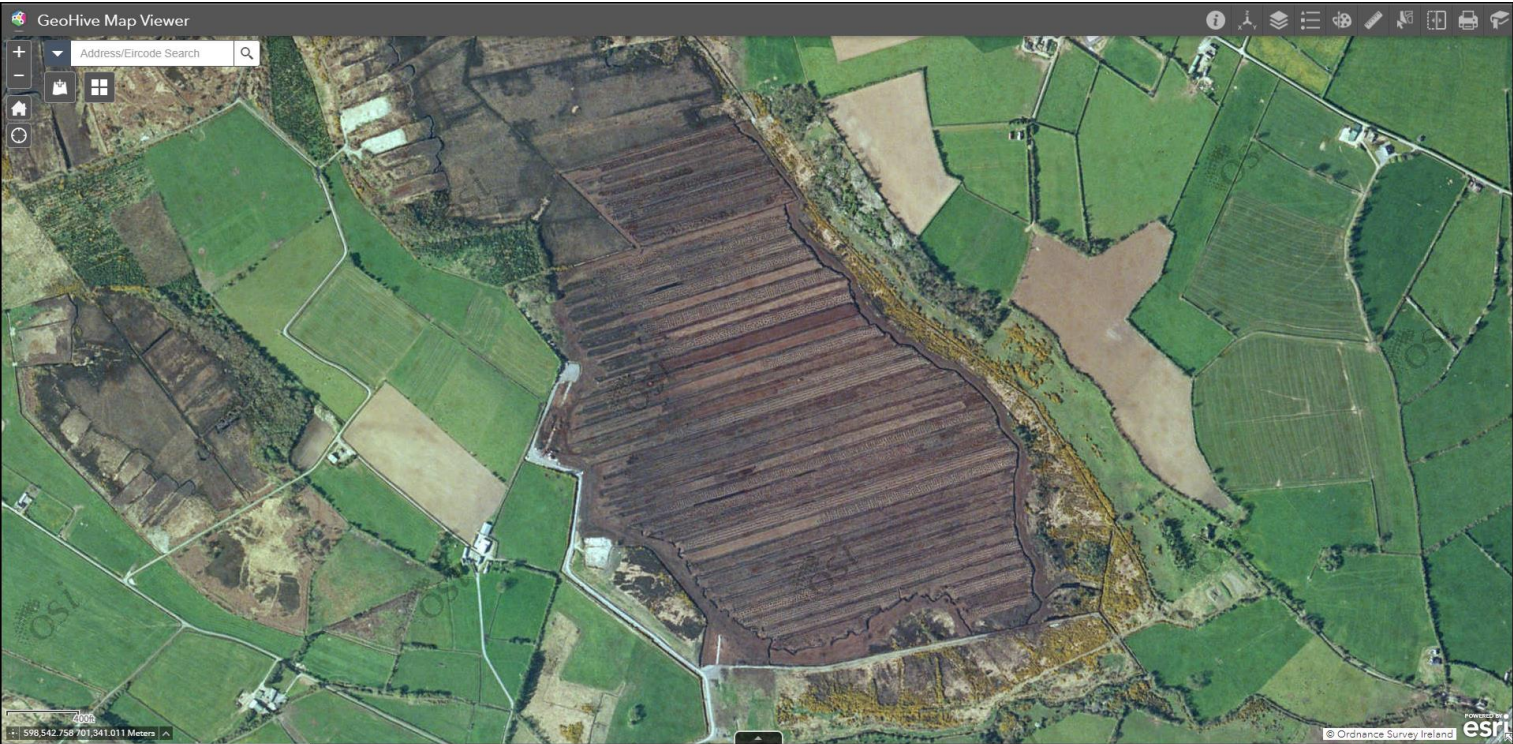
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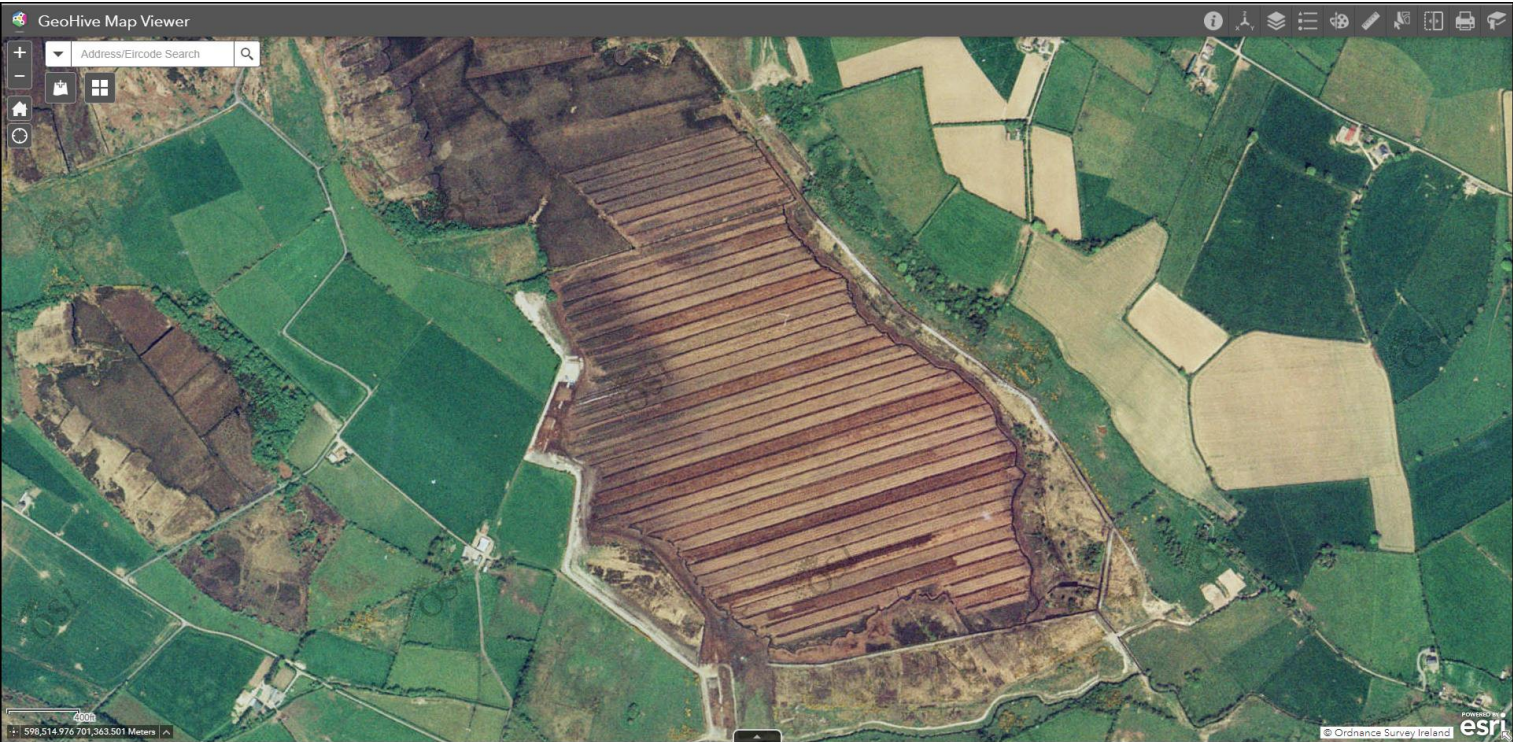
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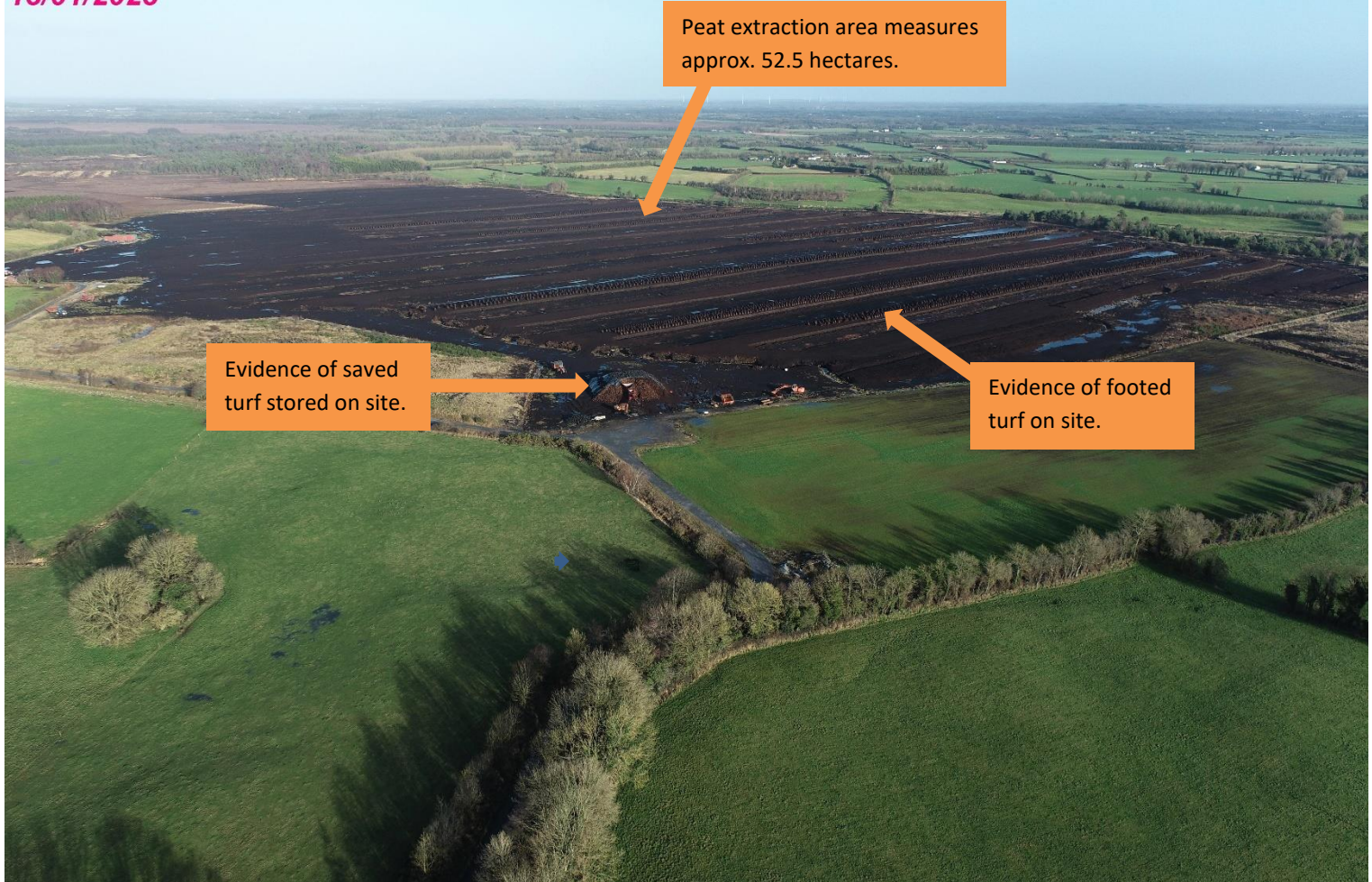


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Drone images captured on 13/01/2023, by N.Phelan, Senior Executive Technician, certified Small Unmanned Aircraft pilot under the Irish Aviation Authority, ref No; 100719.

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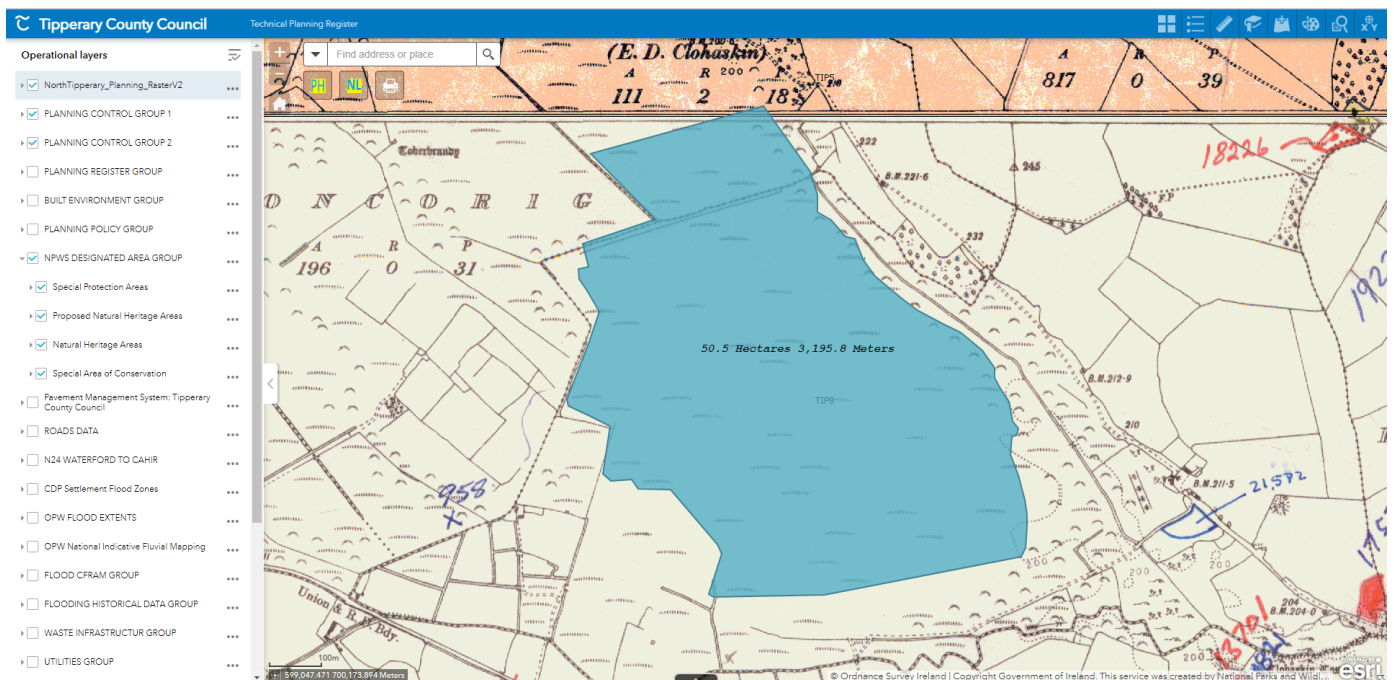
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## **Site Inspection**

Nevan Phelan inspected the subject site on the 13/01/2023 in relation to peatland surveys as requested by the EPA with regard to operations on site.

On the date of the inspection it was observed that there was no activity on the site, however there was evidence of machinery located on this site.

It was noted that a stock pile of saved turf was located adjacent to the southern end of the site, and pockets of footed turf were located on other sections throughout the bog, (refer to Drone images captured above).

## **Assessment & conclusion**

**Part 3 of Schedule 2 of the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 as amended.**

**Peat extraction.**

**CLASS 17**

- (a) Peat extraction in a new or extended area of less than 10 hectares.  
(b) Peat extraction in a new or extended area of 10 hectares or more, where the drainage of the bogland commenced prior to the coming into force of these Regulations.

The bog lands are not within or adjacent to a designated European Natura site or a Natural Heritage Area or pNHA site.

In relation to the alleged peat extraction at this bog, it is evident from the **ordnance survey of Ireland** ortho images above (*1995 to present day*) and drone imagery captured on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023, that activities at the bog have been taking place for a considerable time and works relating to same maybe deemed to represent pre-1963 development and any minor extension to same may be deemed to be exempted development by virtue of Class 17 of Part 3 of Schedule 2 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

It is recommended that no further action is currently required.

Signed:   
Senior Executive Technician

Date: 18/01/2023

Report updated following review with Environment Section and meeting with Environmental Protection Agency on 21/11/2023.

Senior Executive Planner:



Date: 28/11/2023