

AIE Request

Ref. No. AIE 134

Requester – Right to Know

Records Released/Part Released -

Planning Enforcement File UDR 2904

Records Numbered 121 to 142

Updated Response to Warning Letter

- Responses received - 19
- WL Returned - 14
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Name and Address	Response Received	Response Details	Acknowledgment
[REDACTED]	5/07/2024	Email received stating he has not removed peat from his land	Acknowledgment sent via email on 05/07/2024
[REDACTED]	19/06/2024	Telephone call stating that he knows the developer, but won't disclose who it is. Wondering how the enforcement team are going to pursue the developer.	
[REDACTED]	Returned	Returned to sender - Unknown at this address.	
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED] on behalf - land is being referred to him and he did not receive a warning letter.	
[REDACTED]	05/07/2024	[REDACTED] on behalf - written letter received stating no unauthorized development has occurred on this land	Acknowledgment sent via post on 12/07/2024
[REDACTED]	18/06/2024	Phone call - unaware that he had land here.	
[REDACTED]	Returned	Returned to sender - Unknown at this address.	
[REDACTED]	Returned	Returned to sender - Unknown at this address.	
[REDACTED]	Returned	Return to sender- Deceased	
[REDACTED]	Returned	Returned to sender - Unknown at this address.	
[REDACTED]	Returned	Returned to sender - Unknown at this address.	

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Returned to sender -- Unknown at this address.	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	28/06/2024	[REDACTED]	Email received stating he has not removed or given anyone permission to remove peat of his land	Acknowledgment sent via email on 01/07/2024
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	27/06/2024	[REDACTED]	Email received stating he has not removed or given anyone permission to remove peat of his land	Acknowledgment sent via email on 28/06/2024
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	05/07/2024	[REDACTED]	Letter received stating he has never cut turf or requested drainage at these lands	Acknowledgment sent via post on 12/07/2024
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Returned to sender -- Unknown at this address.	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Returned to sender -- Deceased	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	08/07/2024	[REDACTED]	Email received stating he has not removed or given anyone permission to remove peat of his land	Acknowledgment sent via email 08/07/2024
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	05/07/2024	[REDACTED]	Letter received stating he had no part I drainage or removal of peat from these lands	Acknowledgment sent via post 12/07/2024
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Returned to sender -- Unknown at this address.	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	27/06/2024	[REDACTED]	Phone call - he received three Warning Letters one at this address and one at his present address and one [REDACTED] Email received stating he has not removed or given anyone permission to remove peat of his land	Acknowledgment sent via email 05/07/2024

[REDACTED]	05/07/2024	Phone Call - didn't know he had land and has no involvement. Email received stating he has no knowledge of the development.	
[REDACTED]	18/06/2024	Phone call - did not receive a Warning Letter but have land in the bog - Stated that works have blocked access to their bog	Acknowledgment sent via email on 20/06/2024
[REDACTED]	18/06/2024	Phone call stating that this was family land and she had no involvement in the works	
[REDACTED]	18/06/2024	Email received stating she has no involvement in the works at this land	
[REDACTED]	17/06/2024	Letter from solicitor stating their client resides in the UK and has no knowledge of works	Acknowledgement sent via post on 21/06/2024
[REDACTED]	28/06/2024	Email stating they did not give permission for works on their land	01/07/2024
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[REDACTED]	13/06/2024	[REDACTED] - Email received from [REDACTED] stating he using this land for domestic purposes	
[REDACTED]	Returned	Returned to sender - Unknown at this address.	
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[REDACTED]	18/06/24	[REDACTED] phoned on 17/06/24 on behalf of [REDACTED]	Call returned on 18/06/24 - own a bog in Aghafin but did not get a WL. Wrong folio number given

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List of Names for Warning Letters with Folio No.

1.	[Redacted]	[Green]
2.	[Redacted]	[Green]
3.	[Redacted]	[Green]
4.	[Redacted]	[Green]
5.	[Redacted]	[Green]
6.	[Redacted]	[Green]
7.	[Redacted]	[Red]
8.	[Redacted]	[Green]
9.	[Redacted]	[Green]
10.	[Redacted]	[Green]
11.	[Redacted]	[Green]
12.	[Redacted]	[Green]
13.	[Redacted]	[Green]
14.	[Redacted]	[Green]
15.	[Redacted]	[Green]
16.	[Redacted]	[Green]
17.	[Redacted]	[Green]
18.	[Redacted]	[Green]
19.	[Redacted]	[Green]
20.	[Redacted]	[Red]
21.	[Redacted]	[Green]
22.	[Redacted]	[Red]
23.	[Redacted]	[Green]
24.	[Redacted]	[Green]
25.	[Redacted]	[Green]
26.	[Redacted]	[Green]
27.	[Redacted]	[Green]
28.	[Redacted]	[Green]
29.	[Redacted]	[Green]
30.	[Redacted]	[Green]
31.	[Redacted]	[Red]
32.	[Redacted]	[Green]
33.	[Redacted]	[Green]
34.	[Redacted]	[Red]
35.	[Redacted]	[Green]
36.	[Redacted]	[Green]
37.	[Redacted]	[Red]
38.	[Redacted]	[Green]
39.	[Redacted]	[Green]
40.	[Redacted]	[Purple]

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Therese Kelly

From: Caroline Mockler
Sent: Wednesday 2 October 2024 09:53
To: PlanningEnforcement
Subject: FW: Aughafin Bog
Attachments: 753bbdd3-18e9-465f-9389-8d1c50d254c7.jpeg; f2836178-10e2-4f16-916f-a63b49fdbbc19.jpeg; 4ee761aa-7f29-465a-809b-98f6d53055d7.jpeg

Hi all,

I refer to email I have received directly from Cllr. Leah Cull below in relation to a Warning Letter that was issued from Roscommon County Council.

I will acknowledge receipt of her email.

Regards
Caroline

Caroline Mockler | Senior Staff Officer | Roscommon County Council

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From: Cllr Leah Cull <cllrleacull@roscommoncoco.ie>
Sent: Wednesday 2 October 2024 00:50
To: Caroline Mockler <CMockler@roscommoncoco.ie>
Subject: Aughafin Bog

Hi Caroline,

Have you got any information on this; See attached.

The turf appears to be ready for international export, and locals have asked me to enquire as they were unaware it had reached this point

Any information greatly appreciated.

Warm regards,
Leah

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Therese Kelly

From: Therese Kelly on behalf of Planning Enforcement
Sent: Thursday 3 October 2024 14:51
To: Cllr Leah Cull
Subject: FW: Aughafin Bog

Dear Councillor Cull

I refer to your email sent directly to Caroline Mockler, Planning on the 2nd of October, 2024.

Your query relates to a planning enforcement investigation which is the subject matter of enforcement file UDR 2904. With regard to this matter a Warning Letter has issued to a number of landowners and further Warning letters were erected on unregistered bog lands at Aghafin Bog.

The Planning Authority are aware that further developments are being undertaken at this location. This matter remains a live enforcement file into which considerations are ongoing.

We will advise you of the next steps undertaken by the Planning Authority in due course.

For further reference, all queries in relation to planning enforcement matters should be emailed directly to this dedicated email address.

Regards

Therese (on behalf of the Enforcement Team)

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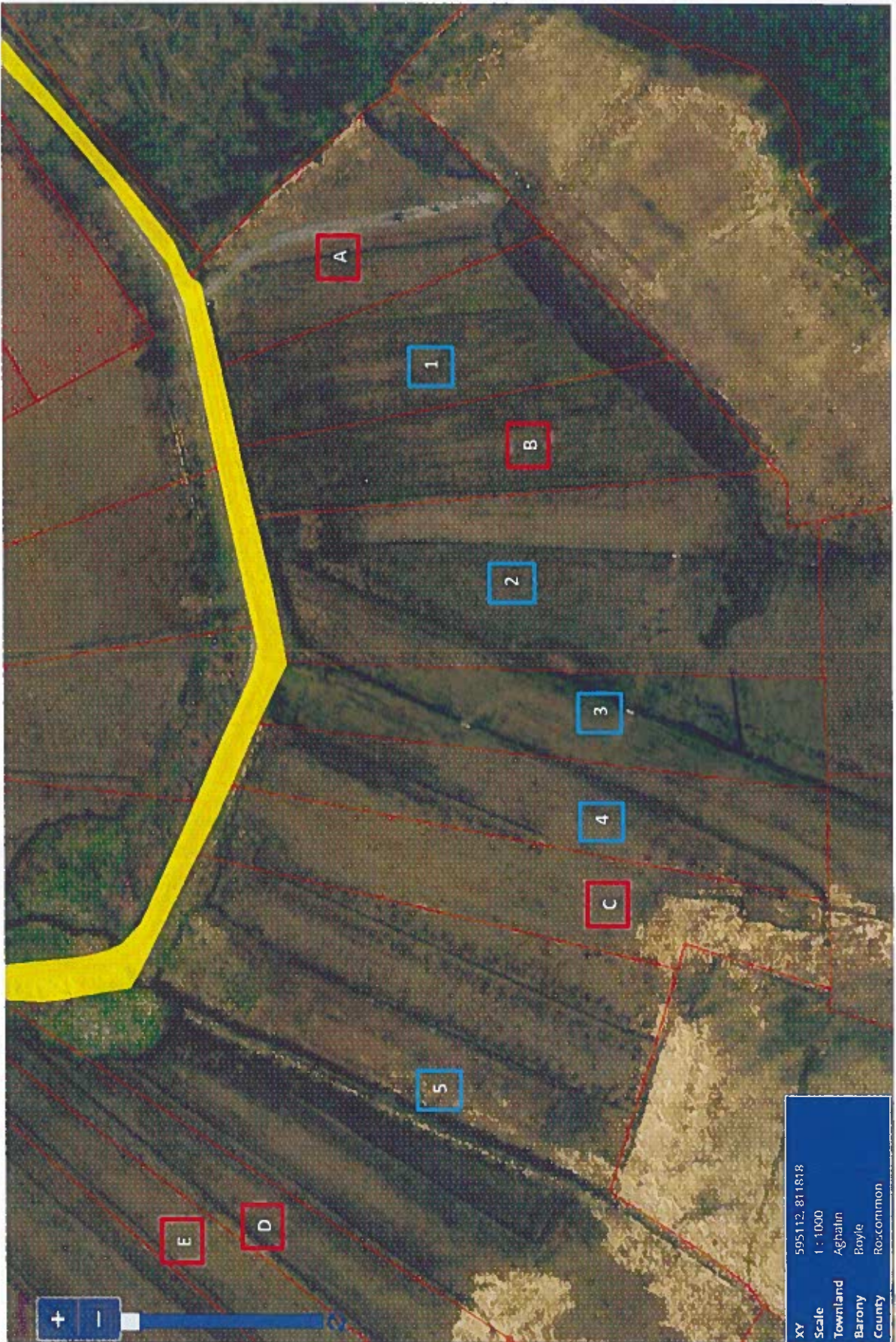
Any information greatly appreciated.

Warm regards,
Leah

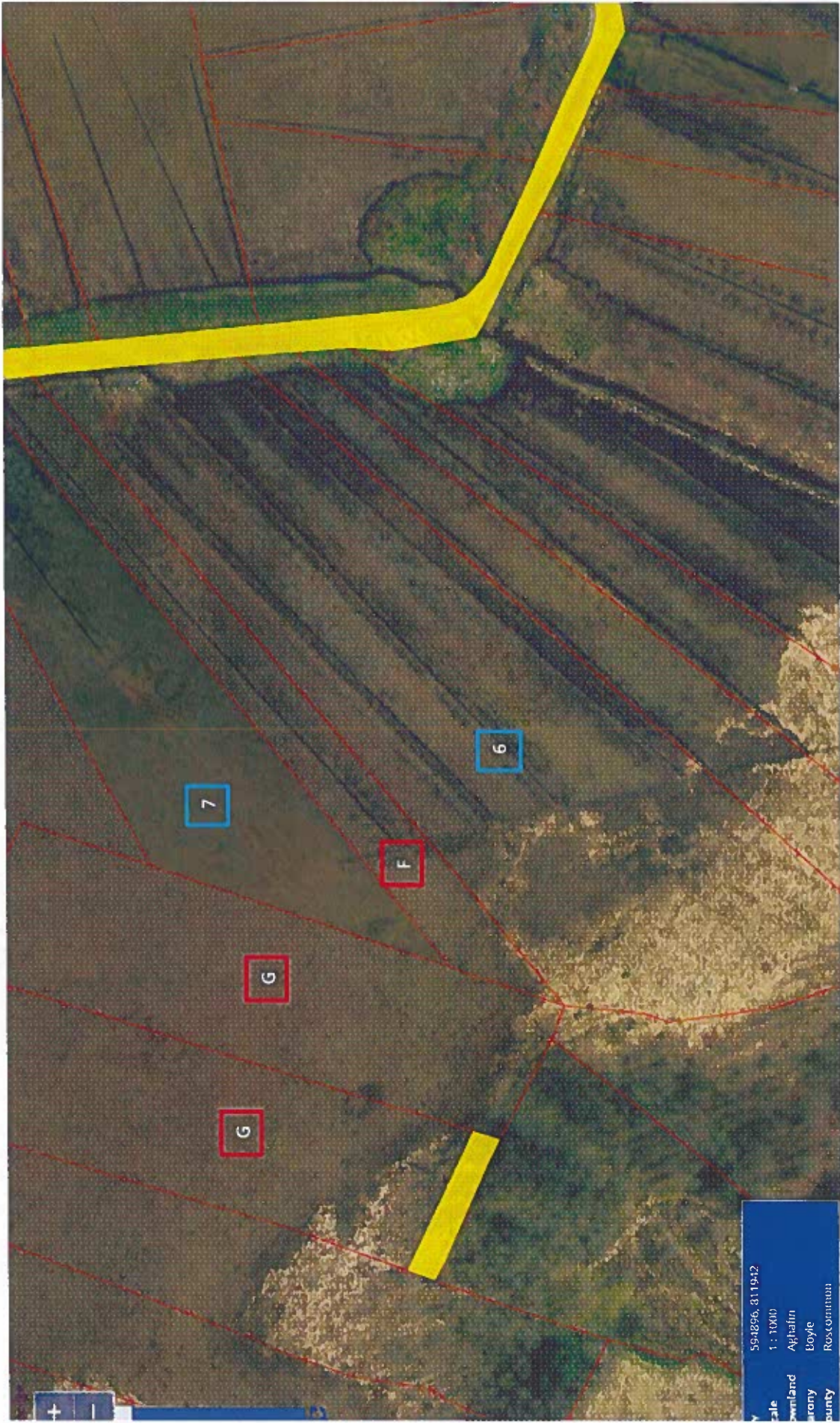
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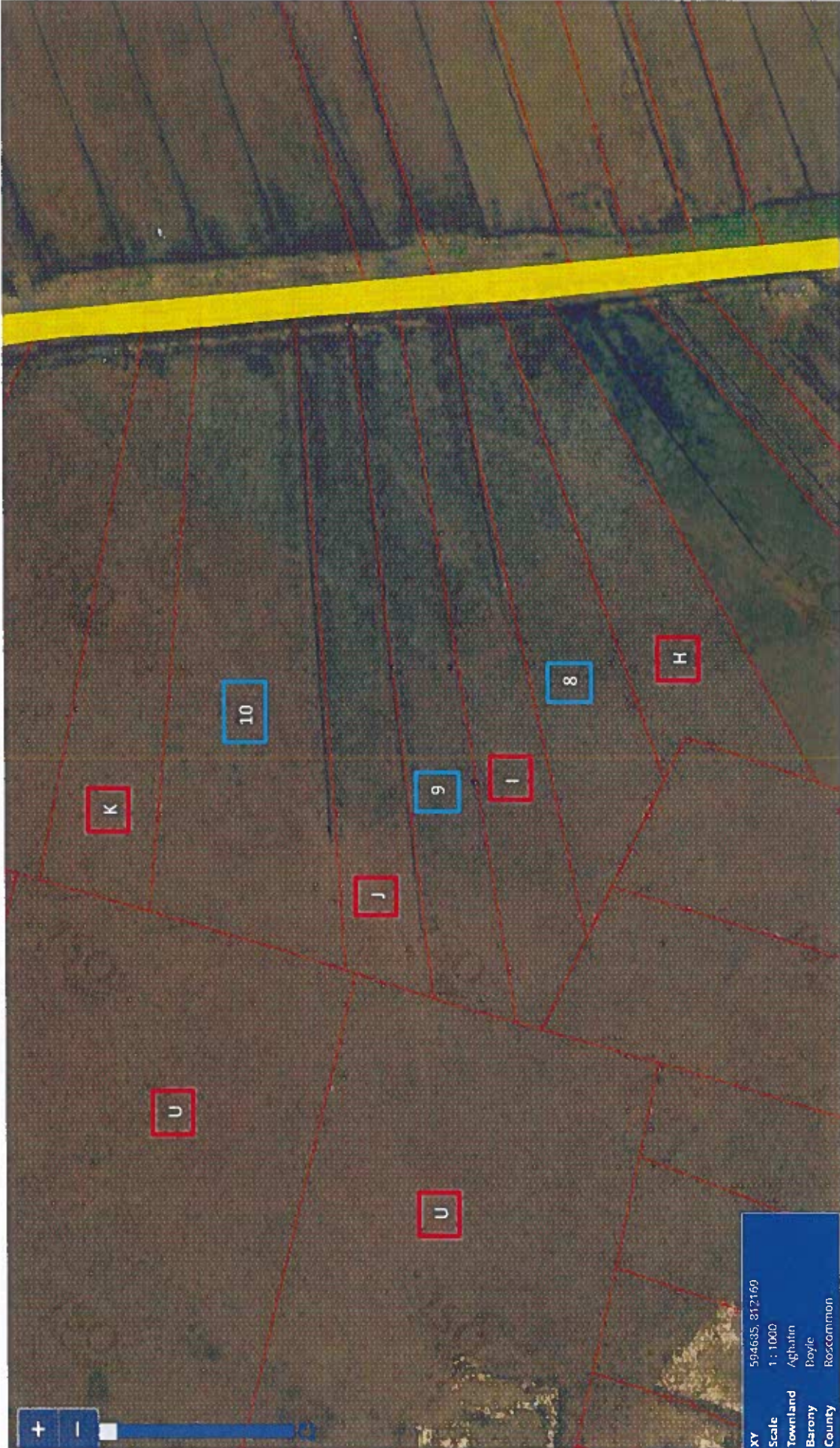


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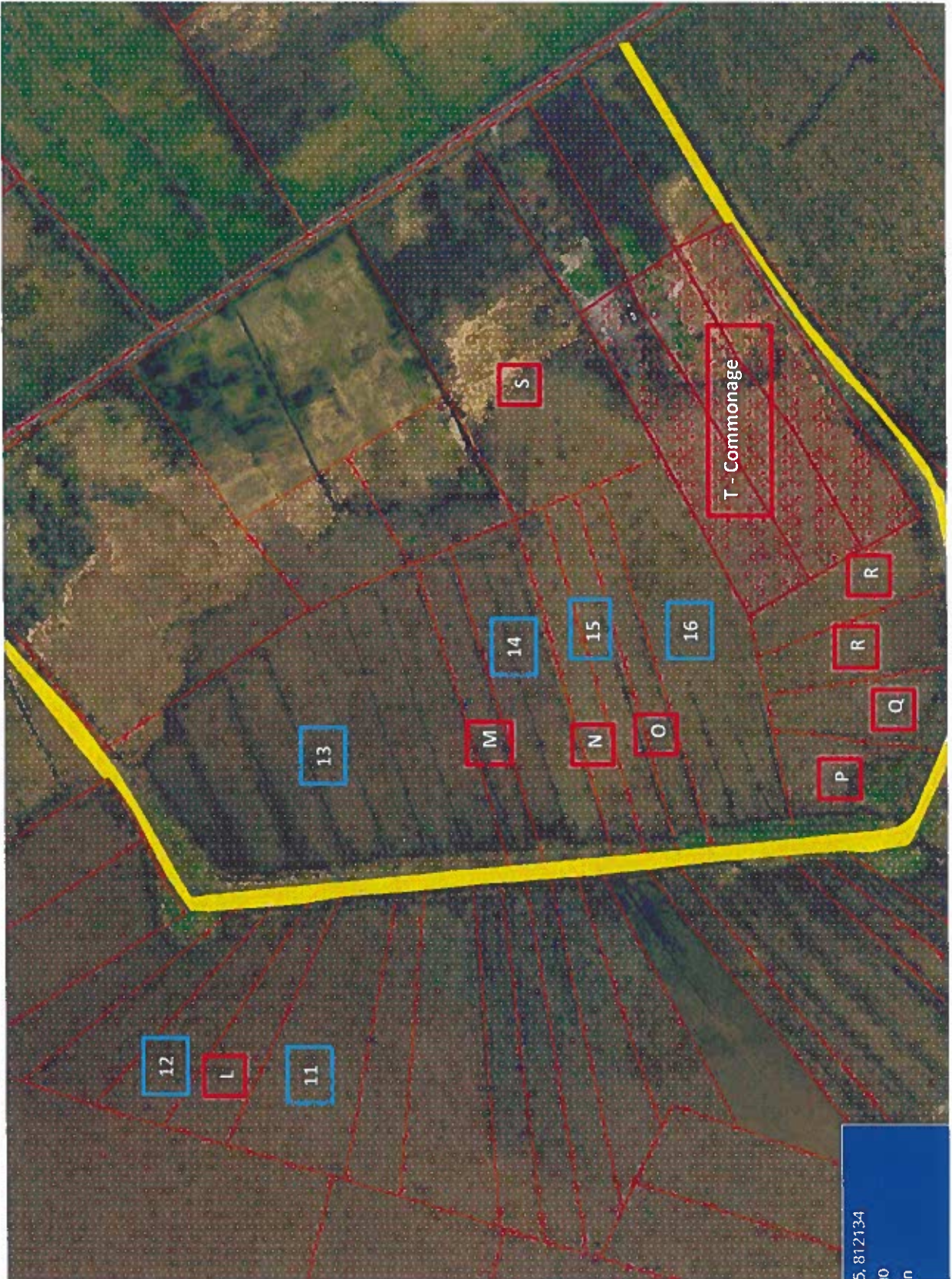
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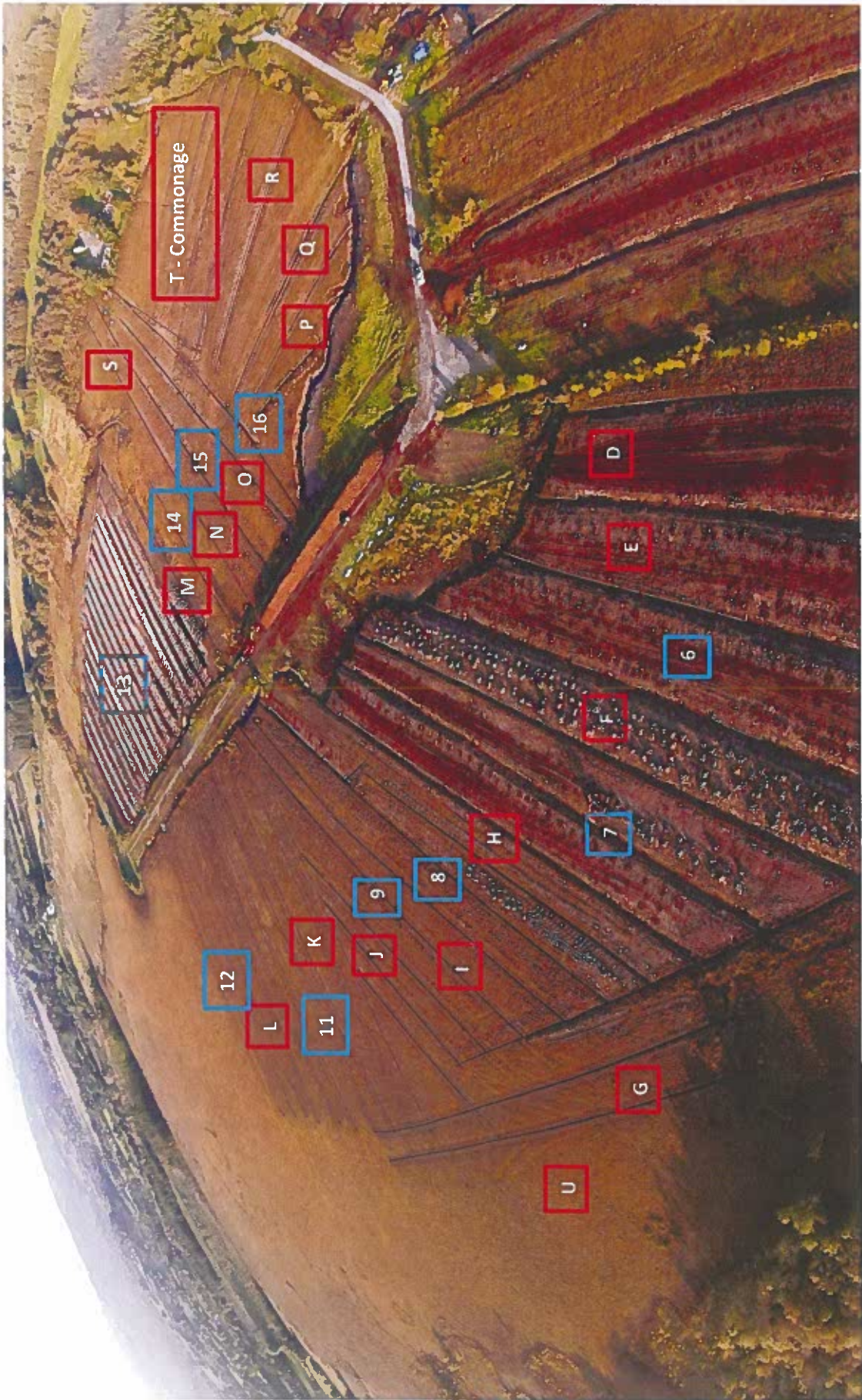
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Unregistered Land
 Registered Land

Registered Land	Registered Land Owner
A	[Redacted]
B	[Redacted]
C	[Redacted]
D	[Redacted]
E	[Redacted]
F	[Redacted]
G	[Redacted]
H	[Redacted]
I	[Redacted]
J	[Redacted]
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16 Unregistered Plots

- Responses received - 11
- Not Returned - 3
- No response received - 8





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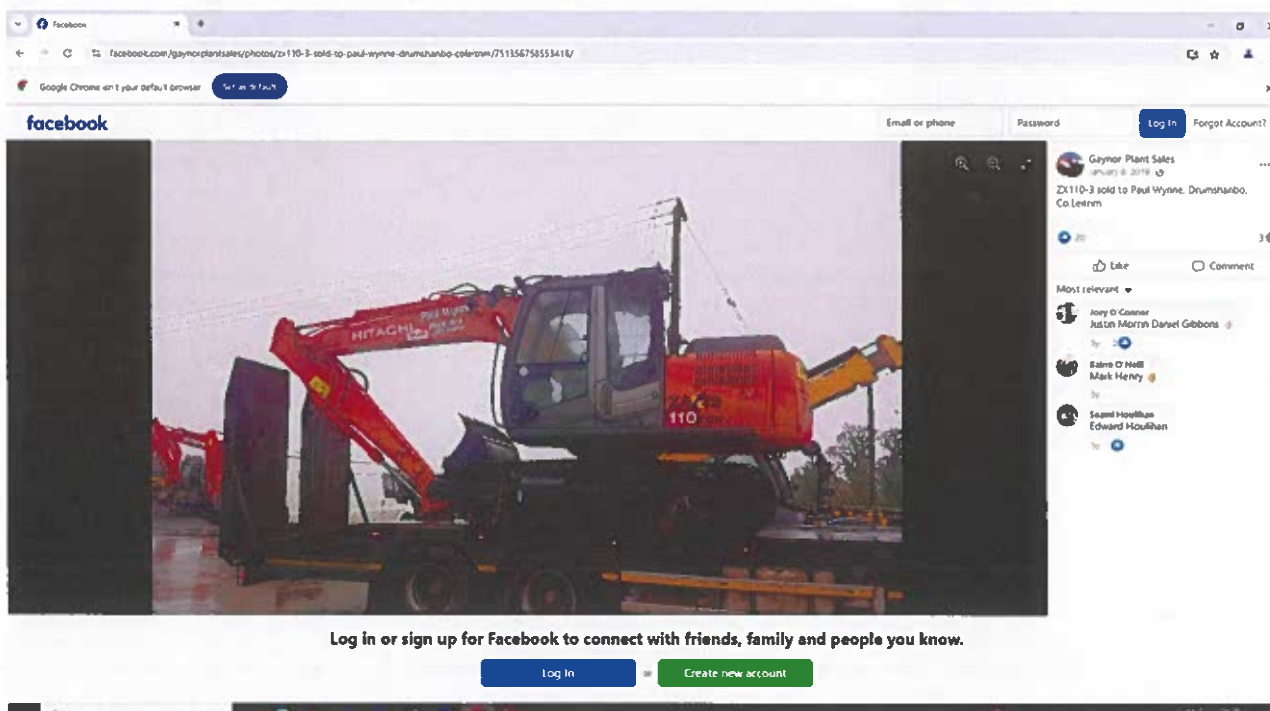


Image taken from Facebook of Paul Wynne Agri Contracts

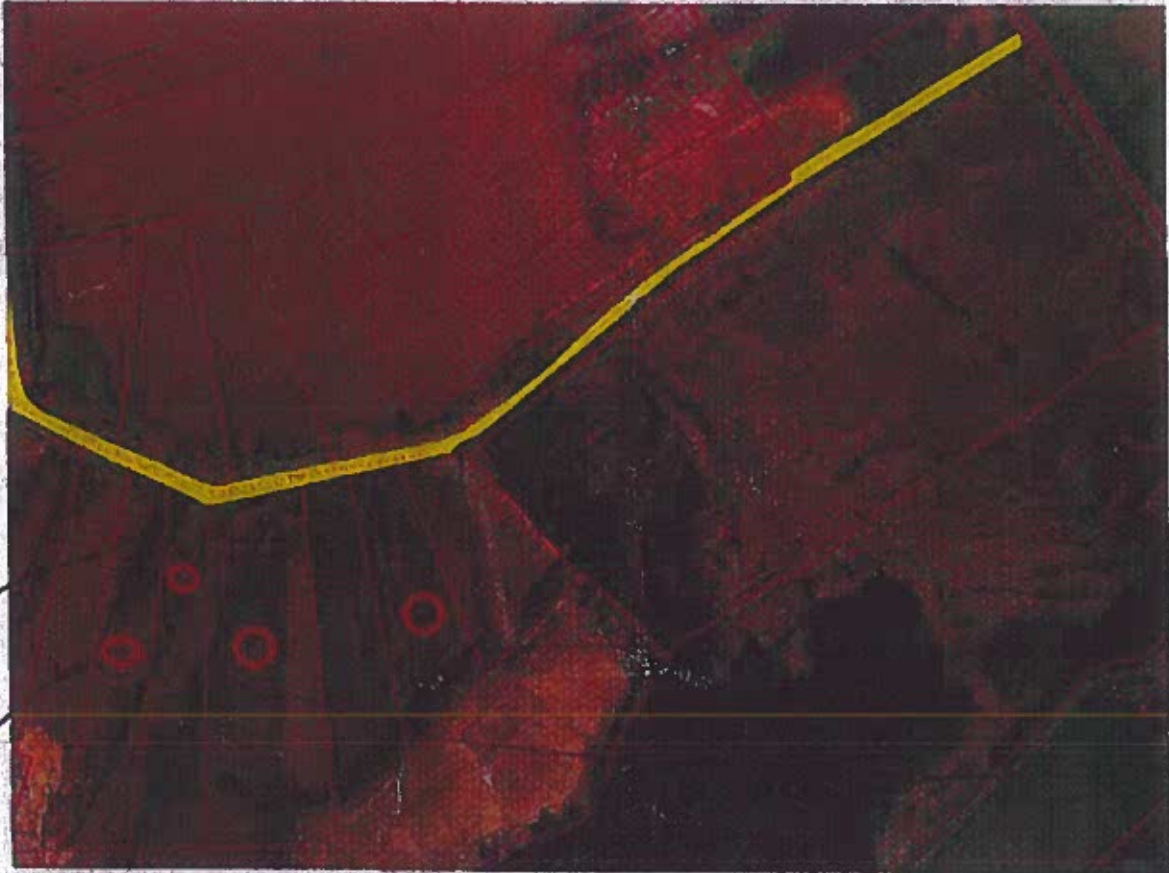


Image taken on 5th June 2024 at Aghafin Bog – Same digger as was purchased from facebook post.

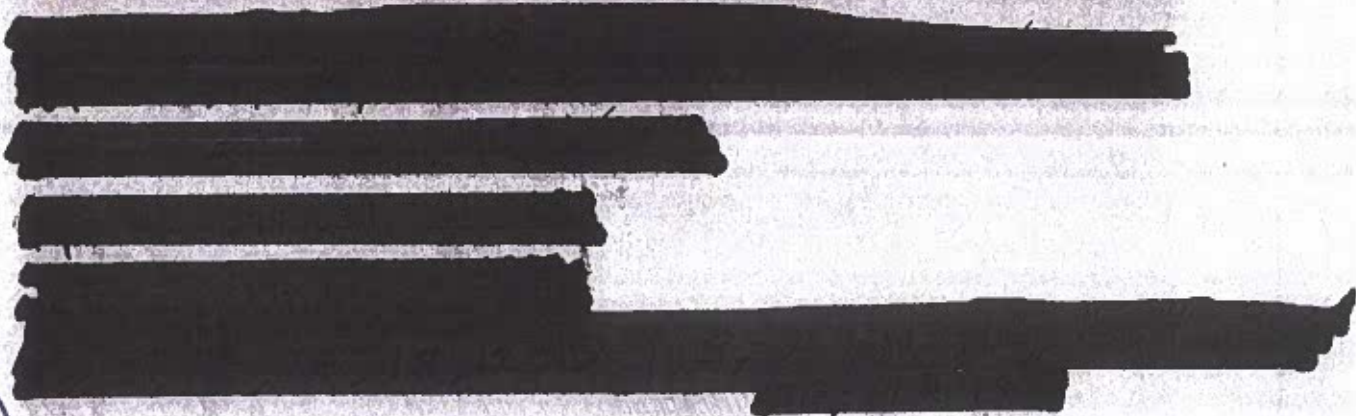
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UDR 2904 - Aghafin Bog

Unregistered lands highlighted with red circle (20 sites in total)



Large
part of
side of
ditch
Next to
blue
trailer



- (4) Bushes & green grass
- (3) Next to red ~~trailer~~ trailer

(9) Sign in footed part with blue marker

(10) 2 red & white bags
1 & 2 timber sticks & a
notch

(6) In domestic peat bed & large comm. plot to rear
(7) footed turf bed in stacks
with large drain behind
(8) In footed turf
with grass & blue
with marker



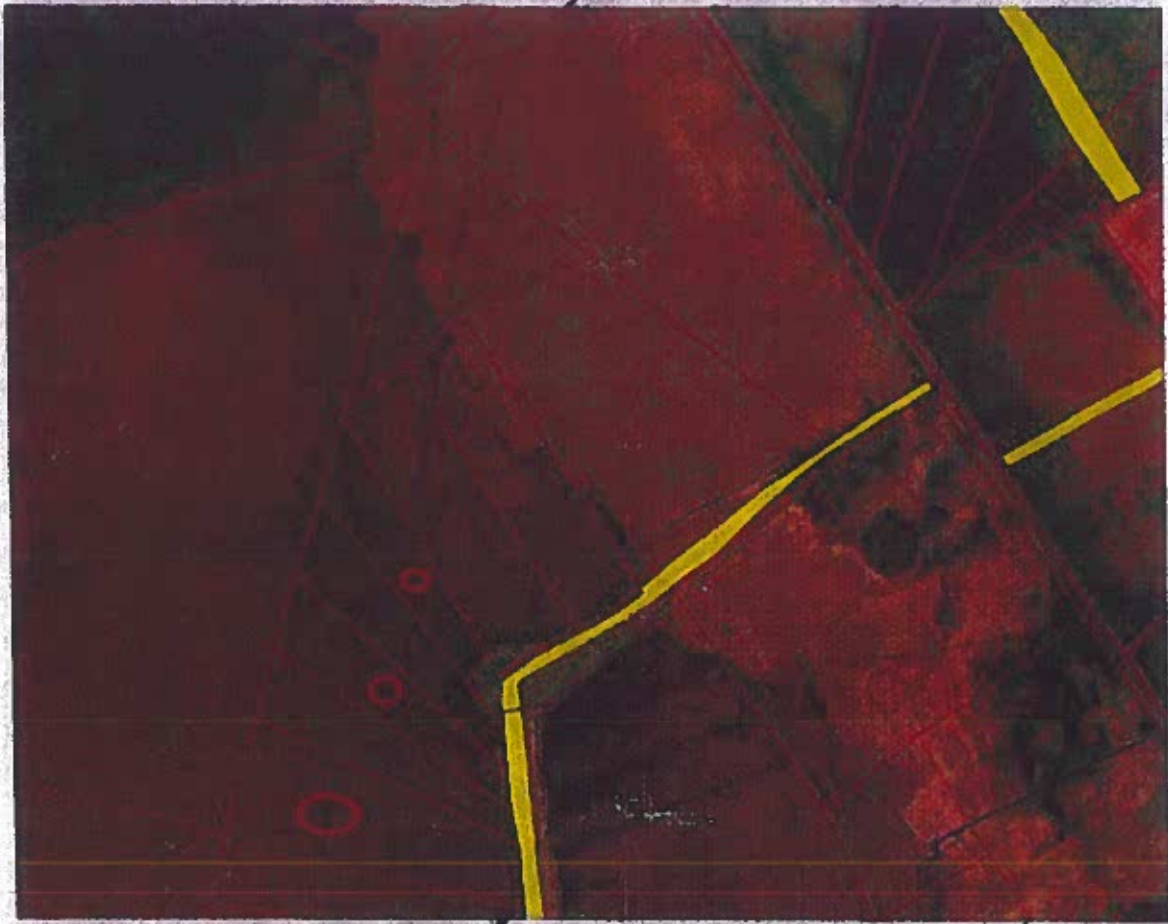
Loose stone to fit
over or good shovels
left



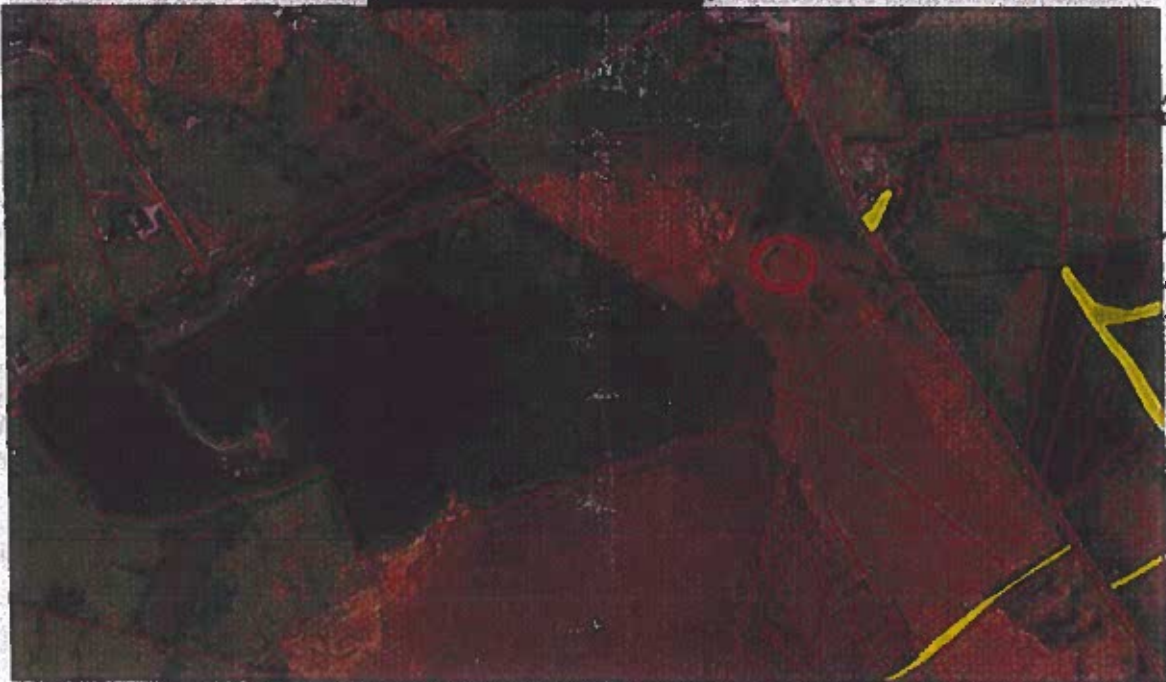
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Bush behind corner

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(19)
Blue
& white
bag

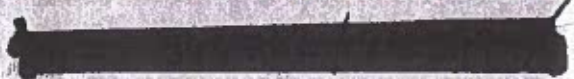


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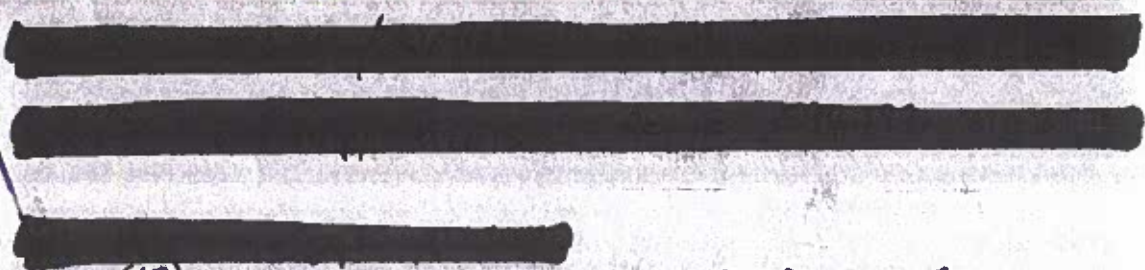
(11)

photo
taken
along rail
(A-280)

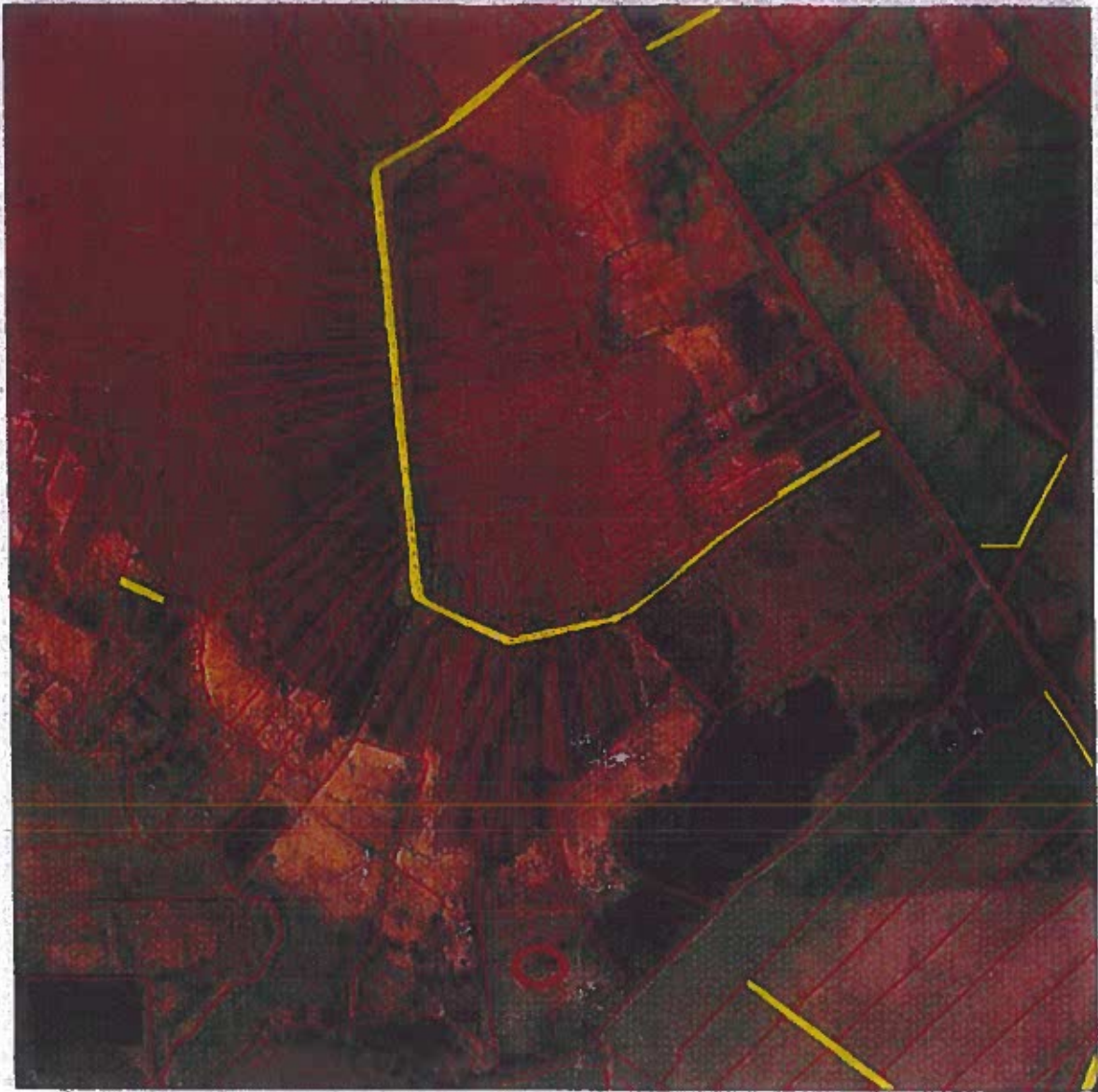


18 - Dom. Art & large to back (peat)

(19) photo taken on R250 (even)



- (17) Large stacks of peat & on dom. peat
- (16) Green rusted cladding in back (machine)
- (15) Marked in blue paint.



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Chat with Shane 17/10/2024 12.20pm:

One owner owns all the unregistered land, he bought it from the land commission in 1992 but he didn't need to register it, [REDACTED] didn't give this man's name but he is retired. [REDACTED] received the Warning Letter but didn't reply to it as he doesn't want to engage with the Planning Authority as he is afraid his land will be sold to the state. He is willing to fight this case and go to court about this.

The peat is being brought off the land, cut and sold for both domestic use and mushroom growing. The nutrients of the peat are being sold to mushroom factories, he didn't say where the peat is being sold to but stated it is not being exported and staying in Ireland.

This is a small scale operation compared to some of the Bord Na Mona sites. This is a not a big operation, they don't make much money out of this and it is costing them more than their making.

[REDACTED]

All responses back to the Warning Letter stating they didn't know what was happening are false, there is a verbal agreement with everyone who owns land that this is allowed to happen on their land.

Approx. only 6 hectares of land are being cut and used for extraction.

Enquired about powers of entry, Shane informed him we had powers of entry under the Planning Act but he refused to see it.

He queried about drone images taken and if council had anything to do with this, Shane said these images didn't come from the council but didn't disclose who took these images.

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Therese Kelly

From: Therese Kelly
Sent: Friday, 6 December 2024 14:24
To: Shane Winters, Tracy Davis
Subject: UDR 2904

Memo to File

I took a telephone call from [REDACTED] who wanted to discuss the Warning letters issued to landowners in Aghafin bog. I asked him if he had received a Warning Letter. He advised that he didn't and that he was ringing on behalf of [REDACTED]. He noted that all the signs erected by the Council have been uprooted and piled up on the bog and that there is a sign erected stating "if you enter upon this place you will be fined" [REDACTED] stated that the stock pile of turf is now covered in tarpaulin with large lorries tyres against it. He wanted to know what was happening in relation to same. I told him that it is a current file and that I have no further information in relation to same. I advised him that I would note what he told me and forward it to the relevant staff.

End

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Therese Kelly

From: Therese Kelly
Sent: Monday 16 December 2024 11:40
To: Shane Winters; Tracy Davis
Subject: FW: udr 2904

Memo to File

I telephoned this man back who advised that peat was being removed from this bog by lorries on Friday and Saturday last.

End.

From: Sharon Kelly <SKelly@roscommoncoco.ie>
Sent: Friday 13 December 2024 09:52
To: Tracy Davis <TDavis@roscommoncoco.ie>; Therese Kelly <TKelly@roscommoncoco.ie>
Subject: udr 2904

Can you phone him back at [REDACTED]

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From: Sharon Kelly
Sent: Friday 13 December 2024 09:51
To: Tracy Davis <tdavis@roscommoncoco.ie>; Therese Kelly <TKelly@roscommoncoco.ie>
Subject: udr 2904

[REDACTED] phoned

RE: UDR 2904

There were Lorries removing Peat from the Bog yesterday.

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Therese Kelly

From: Ethan Devaney (Housing) <Ethan.Devaney@npws.gov.ie>
Sent: Monday 9 December 2024 16:13
To: PlanningEnforcement; Planning Department
Cc: Therese Kelly
Subject: FW: UDR 2904
Attachments: IMG-20240921-WA0018.jpg; IMG-20240921-WA0002.jpg; IMG-20240921-WA0012.jpg; IMG-20240921-WA0006.jpg; IMG-20240921-WA0010.jpg; IMG-20240921-WA0004.jpg; IMG-20240921-WA0008.jpg; IMG-20240921-WA0016.jpg; IMG-20240921-WA0014.jpg; DJI_0364.jpg; DJI_0365.jpg; DJI_0366.jpg; DJI_0367.jpg; DJI_0368.jpg; DJI_0369.jpg; DJI_0370.jpg; DJI_0371.jpg; 1000004928.jpg; 1000004929.jpg; 1000004930.jpg; 1000004931.jpg; DJI_0349.jpg; DJI_0350.jpg; DJI_0351.jpg; DJI_0352.jpg; DJI_0353.jpg; DJI_0354.jpg; DJI_0355.jpg; DJI_0356.jpg; DJI_0357.jpg; DJI_0358.jpg; DJI_0359.jpg; DJI_0360.jpg; DJI_0361.jpg; DJI_0362.jpg; DJI_0363.jpg

Please find further pictures attached of works commencing at the site. Also note the notices that were put up by Roscommon County Council have been taken down and discarded in a drain.

Kind regards

Ethan Devaney
Conservation Ranger North Roscommon
National Parks & Wildlife Service
Government Buildings
Convent Road
Roscommon town
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An Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtas Áitiúil & Oidhreacht
Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage
Email: ethan.devaney@npws.gov.ie
Phone: 053 911 7682

From: Ethan Devaney (Housing)
Sent: Sunday 22 September 2024 10:26
To: 'PlanningEnforcement' <planningenforcement@roscommoncoco.ie>
Subject: RE: UDR 2904

Hi Therese

Please see the attached pictures taken that show works been continued on Aghafin Bog this Friday 20/9/2024.

The peat is been harvested off the bog.

Kind regards

Ethan Devaney
Conservation Ranger North Roscommon
National Parks & Wildlife Service
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An Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtas Áitiúil & Oidhreacht
Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage
Email: ethan.devaney@npws.gov.ie
Phone: 053 911 7682

From: Therese Kelly <TKelly@roscommoncoco.ie> **On Behalf Of** PlanningEnforcement
Sent: Thursday 13 June 2024 16:50
To: Ethan Devaney (Housing) <Ethan.Devaney@npws.gov.ie>
Subject: RE: UDR 2904

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Dear Ethan

Please see attached.

Regards

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From: Ethan Devaney (Housing) <Ethan.Devaney@npws.gov.ie>
Sent: 29 May 2024 16:58
To: PlanningEnforcement <planningenforcement@roscommoncoco.ie>
Subject: RE: UDR 2904

Hi Therese

I just want to share this article with yourselves in relation to Curlew and the importance of the work we are doing/supporting to help against extinction. Also just to note there have been no records of curlew back to this site this year unfortunately.

<https://www.rte.ie/news/munster/2024/0529/1451959-fota-curlew/>

hopefully this gives you a better understanding of our perspective.

Thanks a million.

Kind regards

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From: Therese Kelly <TKelly@roscommoncoco.ie> **On Behalf Of** Planning Enforcement
Sent: Wednesday 8 May 2024 16:46
To: Ethan Devaney (Housing) <Ethan.Devaney@npws.gov.ie>
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