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Good morning all,

Please see below email regarding Peatlands Climate Action Scheme (PCAS).

Please circulate with LCDC members and their Local Authority colleagues.

Kind regards,

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From: pcasinfo <pcasinfo@bnm.ie>
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Subject: Peatlands Climate Action Scheme - Derryshannoge Bog

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following the availability of funding and the cessation of all its industrial peat extraction operations, Bord na Móna, a climate solutions company, are currently delivering an ambitious scheme of enhanced peatland decommissioning and rehabilitation on 33,000 hectares in over 80 of their bogs under the Peatlands Climate Action Scheme (PCAS).

The Department of Environment, Climate and Communications approved grant funding of €108 million in 2020 for this scheme and this funding is provided by the European Union's Recovery and Resilience Facility which is the key instrument at the heart of NextGenerationEU.

Under this Peatlands Climate Action Scheme, enhanced rehabilitation has commenced on thirty-five bogs since 2021 and it is proposed that rehabilitation will commence on an additional eighteen bogs in 2023.

The enhanced rehabilitation scheme will deliver benefits across climate action by optimising carbon storage potential within the residual peat, reducing Green House Gas (GHG) emissions and accelerating the development of carbon sequestration by promoting the development of *Sphagnum*-rich vegetation (peat forming mosses), where possible. This will also enrich the State's natural capital, increase eco-system services, strengthen biodiversity, improve water quality and storage attenuation as well as enabling the amenity potential of the peatlands. The measures proposed will set sites on an accelerated trajectory towards the development of a variety of habitats including developing natural peatland, wetland and woodland.

The rehabilitation measures will focus on optimising suitable hydrological conditions (water-levels) across the peatlands. The key target will be to bring water levels close to the peat surface to re-wet peat and accelerate the development of naturally functioning peatland habitats and the trajectory of sites to become reduced carbon sources and ultimately carbon sinks again.

Bord na Móna propose to carry out rehabilitation measures on **Derryshannoge Bog** in 2023 under this scheme.

Derryshannoge Bog is located in County Longford circa 5.5 km south-east of Lanesborough (Google location: <https://goo.gl/maps/jLEwgLTAVBY56sbVA>). A site location map of the bog is attached for information purposes.

Bord na Móna operates under an Integrated Pollution Control (IPC) Licence issued and enforced by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Derryshannoge Bog is part of the Mountdillon Bog Group licence (IPC Ref. P0504-01). Under this licence, a rehabilitation plan must be prepared for permanent rehabilitation of the boglands within the licensed area and part of the process of developing a rehabilitation plan includes consultation with stakeholders and affected parties.

To facilitate this consultation process, a Draft Rehabilitation Plan and associated Map Book for Derryshannoge Bog are now available on the Peatlands Climate Action Scheme website at the following location: <https://www.bnmecas.ie/2023-bogs/>. This Draft Rehabilitation Plan sets out, among other items, the planned rehabilitation goals and outcomes and the proposed rehabilitation actions for Derryshannoge Bog.

Bord na Móna invite you to make a submission or to comment on the Derryshannoge Draft Rehabilitation Plan. Please make any such submissions to the email address (pcasinfo@bnm.ie) before 10th February 2023.

In addition, please contact us if you have any queries, require further information or wish to discuss the proposed rehabilitation in Derryshannoge or the PCAS scheme in general.

Kind regards.

Bord na Móna

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Note: The Peatlands Climate Action Scheme is also referred to as the Enhanced Decommissioning Rehabilitation and Restoration Scheme (EDRRS)

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