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THE LIVING BOG

EULIFE14 NAT/IE/000032 Raised Bog Restoration Project

Unit 40 Lough Sheever Corporate Park, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.

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PROJECT SITE:	Ferbane Bog SAC IE 0000575
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Overview

This document has been produced to provide a framework for dealing with fire incidents in and around the above mentioned site. Planning measures, notification procedures and firefighting practicalities are set out under a number of headings below.

This document should be read in conjunction with the Safe Operating Procedures Manuals – fire fighting, A4_0002 Safe Operating for Field Work (Section 11),

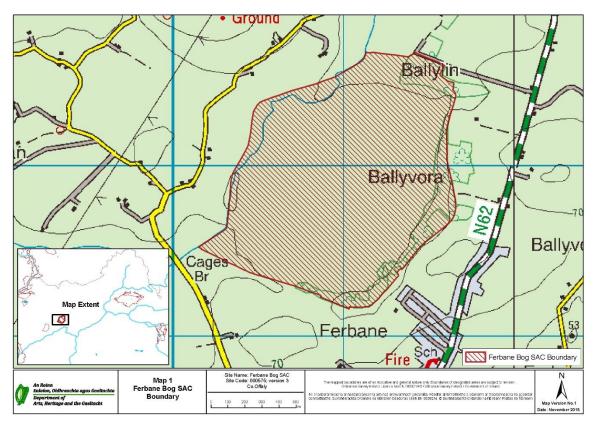
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Site Description

Ferbane Bog is raised bog located on the edge of Ferbane Town, covering an area of 153ha.

The site is a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and is of considerable conservation significance. Uncut high bog dominates the site and is surrounded by a narrow band of cutover. Approximately 35% of the high bog surface consists of very wet active bog with the remainder degraded. Areas of poor-fen vegetation and birch woodland occur on cutover surfaces along the margins of the site and add to the habitat diversity. These are largely dry but restoration works (mainly installation of peat



dams) by The Living Bog project in 2018 – 2019 has made much of the cutover quite wet.

There are numerous access points to the bog. See site access box below.

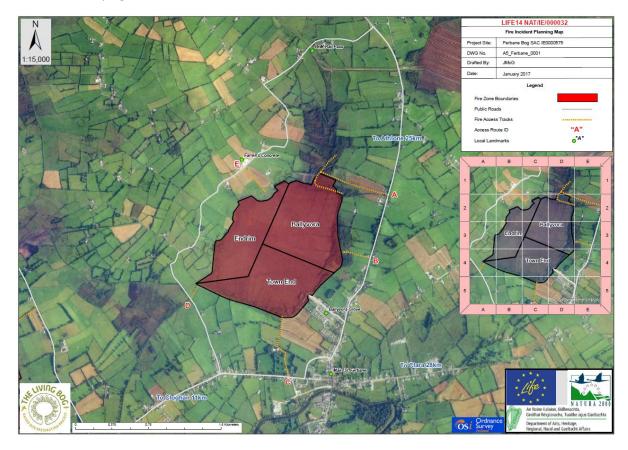
Fig 1. Ferbane Bog SAC – General Location Map

List of Stakeholders

Name	Position/	Address	Contact	Notes
	Role			
<u>NPWS</u>				
Regional				
<u>Staff</u>				
				REDACTED
OTHER				
<u>Contacts</u>				
				REDACTED
				REDACTED
				REDACTED
Community Group Reps/Access				
				REDACTED

Site Access

All access points are marked on the map attached and referenced with the site name – Ferbane Bog SAC IE000575. The following shows details of each location point where general access to the SAC is used for surveying



Map Code	Grid Reference (ITM)		Site name/area	Notes
A	612062	726463	Ballyvora	Access to the north of site from a track off the N62 north of Ferbane town that is driveable in a 4x4
B	611892	725815	Ballyvora	Access to the east of site from a track off the N62 north of Ferbane town that is driveable in a 4x4.
С	611033	724595	Town End	Access to the south of the site from the Ballyclare road west of Ferbane town.
D	610028	725402	Town End	Access to the south- west of the site from road extending north from Ballyclare road west of Ferbane town

E	610583	726736	Endrim	Access to the north- west of the site through farm from road extending north from Ballyclare road west of Ferbane town
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Access Route (A,B) along Athlone to Ferbane Road N62

Access Route (C) Belmont Road turn right into

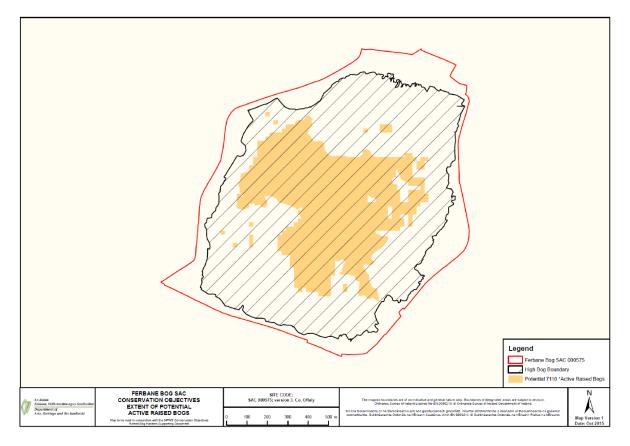
Access Route (D,E) R436 towards Belmont turn right onto Ballyclare Road

Site Specific Considerations

Importance Hazards & Priority Areas

All areas within the SAC are important supporting habitat for a number of Annex Habitats that are protected under the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC), of which Active Raised Bog (7110) is a priority habitat. Priority habitats are habitats considered to be in danger of disappearance and whose natural range mainly falls within the territory of the European Union. These habitats are of the highest conservation status and require measures to ensure that their favourable conservation status is maintained.





Agreed Workflow – Fire Incident

- **1.** Report to the Fire Officer/Service and ensure that the Fire Service is aware of the location of the fire. CALLING 999 or 112
- 2. Notify the Local ranger/NPWS regional staff if possible.
- **3. Wait for instructions from the Fire Services.**
- 4. Contact the property owners if possible, including those living close to the bog in Ballyvoora Grove, Knockaulin Drive, Ard Glas and Delvin Park.
- 5. Activate the local fire crew if appointed.

Equipment Schedule

Equipment	Usual Location/Grid Ref	Contact	Notes	

Site & Locations Maps