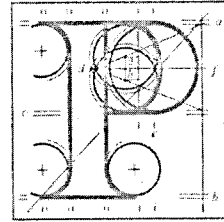


Our Case Number: ABP-318802-24

Planning Authority Reference Number:



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Abbi Ni Loingsigh
2 Alder Avenue
Cobh
Co. Cork

Date: 05 January 2026

Re: Proposed development of a resource recovery centre (including waste-to-energy facility) in Ringaskiddy, County Cork.

Dear Sir / Madam,

An Coimisiún Pleanála has received your recent submission in relation to the above mentioned proposed development and will take it into consideration in its determination of the matter. Please accept this letter as a receipt for the fee of €50 that you have paid.

The Commission will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

Please be advised that copies of all submissions / observations received in relation to the application will be made available for public inspection at the offices of the local authority and at the offices of An Coimisiún Pleanála when they have been processed by the Commission.

More detailed information in relation to strategic infrastructure development can be viewed on the Commission's website: www.pleanala.ie.

If you have any queries in the meantime please contact the undersigned officer of the Commission. Please quote the above mentioned An Coimisiún Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

Kevin McGettigan

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OBSERVATION ON SID APPLICATION - Case reference: PA04.318802, Ringaskiddy Co Cork
Proposed development of a resource recovery centre (including waste-to-energy facility)
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OBSERVER NAME Abby Ni Loingsigh, Roisin Bradley, Smitha Kamath, Richard Looney.

OBSERVER ADDRESS 2 Alder Avenue, Cobh, Co. Cork

I write as a parent to a young baby in Cobh, Co. Cork, and on behalf of the Cobh Mums' Club. Many of our members have raised serious concerns about the proposed incinerator, particularly its potential impact on the air quality in our town. Cobh lies directly downwind of the proposed site, and we already experience compromised air purity due to the significant industrial activity in Cork Harbour.

The legacy of the steel mill on Haulbowline continues to affect both air and groundwater, with the full extent of contamination still not fully understood. Cobh has long carried the unofficial label of "the cancer capital of Ireland," a reflection of the historic mismanagement of toxic waste from the mill—waste that drifted across the harbour and settled on our homes, public spaces and even the town playground. We fear that the establishment of an incinerator in close proximity will repeat this pattern, placing the health of our citizens—especially our children—at unacceptable risk.

Our concerns extend beyond air quality. The harbour is surrounded by pharmaceutical and chemical facilities in Carrigtwohill and Little Island, further adding to the environmental burden on local communities. The cumulative impact of yet another industrial structure must be taken seriously.

We are also deeply troubled by the visual impact the proposed incinerator would have on our landscape. Cobh's natural harbour is one of the town's greatest assets and the reason it remains Cork's most visited tourist destination. The existing chimneys at Aghada already detract from this scenic environment; an additional incinerator stack would worsen this visual pollution, undermine our town's appeal, and negatively affect local economic and social wellbeing.

For these reasons, we strongly oppose the proposed incinerator and urge that the health, environment and future of Cobh's residents be afforded the consideration they deserve. Please refuse this planning application on the basis that the site is inherently unsuitable, as concluded by all 3 Bord Pleanála Inspectors (Jones 2004, Yukel Finn 2009, Daly 2017) and the proposal contravenes the zoning of the Cork County Development Plan 2022 - 2028 for this site.

I wish to request an Oral Hearing to continue full public participation in this application.

I have enclosed the fee of €50