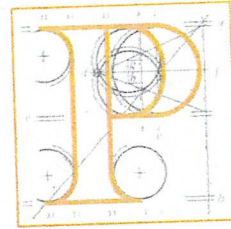


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**Date:** 24 November 2025

**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.

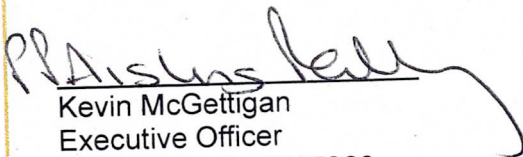
The Commission will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

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](http://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,

  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to the proposed development of a Resource Recovery Centre (Including Waste to Energy Facility in Ringaskiddy, Co.Cork by Indaver Ireland), I wish to lodge an objection to the proposed development as submitted.

It is appalling that this application has been lodged for a third time given the history of Oral Hearings and the subsequent recommendations by inspectors who oversaw these Oral hearings. It defies belief that despite repetitive recommendations by these inspectors to refuse permission based on the substantial evidence not to locate this facility in Ringaskiddy that each time, these recommendations were overruled by 'An Bord Pleanála'.

The site is not suitable for the following reasons:

The site is subject to erosion and the foreshore should not be interfered with as this is a public facility.

The Naval Base in Haulbowline is a Cul de Sac and a fire at the proposed site would have serious consequences for the residents and workers at the base.

The incinerator proposal also contravenes the zoning of the cork County development plan 2022 to 2028 for the site. Instead this site was zoned for the extension of the third level educational campus for marine related education and Enterprise, research and development given the presence of the National marathon college and the Beaufort Institute. Therefore the proposed incinerator is in Direct contravention of the country development plan and the specified objections for the immediate area.

The site is in conflict with Fáilte Ireland's vision for Cork Harbour as a tourism asset. In February 2024, Fáilte Ireland noted that the Cork Harbour plan is to position Cork Harbour as a world class tourist destination as the world's second largest natural harbour in the world.

The issues of Air Quality and the potential health risks associated with the proposed development.

The natural bowl shape of cork Harbor would result in thermal inversion where a layer of warm air sits above a layer of cool air thus trapping cooler air near the ground leading to the potential build up of pollutants leading to significant air pollution.

A number of senior inspectors from An Bord Pleanála have previously recommended refusal as this site is not suitable due to site over-development, site on suitability and incompatibility with stated plans for the area. That has not changed and I would hope that An Coimisiun Pleanála would remain impartial and consistent in this regard.

There will be detrimental environmental and visual impacts of this proposed development. The area has seen a major increase in numbers visiting the area with the developments of the Ringaskiddy Realm and the Haulbowline Amenity Park. There has been a huge increase in appreciation for our natural resources. Local beaches such as Loch Beach and Gobby Beach are used daily by visitors for various purposes. Such a development would have a detrimental impact on our harbour.

Incineration doesn't completely eliminate waste nor reduce it down to steam, instead it transforms it into gases, fine dust and Ash or containing harmful pollutants. These pollutants potentially carry a variety of toxic chemicals including dioxins and Mercury. I've learned that often components used in society are engineered to resist oxidation, so therefore they don't burn off in an incinerator. Very often to reduce the running costs, the required temperature of 1100 to 1200 degrees Celsius is not reached, therefore fly ash and bottom ash are highly contaminated with dioxins and other chemicals such as perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAs) which once released are a direct cause of many cancers. Emissions to air from waste and generators are not properly controlled, are measured adequately or regularly and therefore will invariably pose a huge risk to all within a 40-mile radius approximately. As per the WHO and IARC, health effects would include cancer, effects, illnesses, immune system disruption, birth defects and learning difficulties. With disproportionately high numbers of people receiving treatment for cancer in the area already, (a matter that is being investigated in the near future) this will no doubt ring alarm bells for industry in the area.

At COP 30, Michael Martin and the Irish government emphasised transformation towards a decarbonised and resource-efficient economy. Yet, incineration fundamentally destroys materials, meaning that valuable resources (plastics, metals, organics) are permanently lost rather than reused or recycled. This is at odds with Ireland's circular-economy strategy, which prioritises keeping materials in use longer.

The Government has committed significant funding to circular economy projects: e.g., €27 million for reuse, repair, recycling initiatives.

Thus, incineration investment will undermine the very initiatives (recycling infrastructure, reuse design) that Ireland says are central to its climate and resource strategy. How could anybody in a position of power grant planning permission for an incinerator that will in every way possible be in conflict with our national environmental policies and plans.

As a resident of county Cork, I also request that this has an Oral Hearing to ensure transparency in the process. Trust has been broken for many reasons in the previous hearings. Therefore, it is imperative the residents of the Cork Harbour area get the opportunity to have a fair process.

It would be negligent to the Cork Harbour area and Munster region to grant permission for the proposed development noted above. The site as noted is not suitable for multiple reasons as recommended by the Inspectors at 3 Oral Hearings.

Yours Sincerely,

Aideen Kelleher