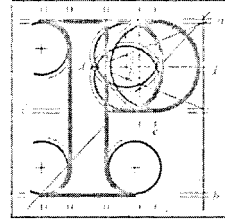


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**Date:** 26 November 2025

**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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# Planning Objection: Proposed Commercial Incinerator at Ringaskiddy Harbour, Co. Cork

To: An Coimisiun Pleanala

Re: Proposed development of a resource recovery centre (including waste-to-energy facility) by Indaver NV t/a Indaver Ireland

Date: 11/11/2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to formally object to the proposed development of a resource recovery centre at Ringaskiddy Harbour, Co. Cork. This objection is submitted on the grounds that the proposed development would have significant adverse effects on the environment, public health, local infrastructure, and visual amenity of the area.

## 1. Environmental Impact

The proposed incinerator poses a serious threat to the delicate coastal and marine ecosystem surrounding Ringaskiddy Harbour. The site lies within close proximity to Cork Harbour, an area recognised for its ecological importance, biodiversity, and designated conservation zones (including SPA and SAC sites). By all 3 Bord Pleanala Inspectors, the EIS was found to be deficient in substance even where found legally adequate in form. The information as submitted to the Board is therefore insufficient to enable the Board to carry out an environmental impact assessment in an appropriate manner, and to form a basis for an informed decision on the application. (Daly, 2017). Despite revisions, the updated EIS material continues to repeat earlier conclusions and provide assertions without evidence.

- **Pollution:** The incineration process will release pollutants such as dioxins, furans, heavy metals, and fine particulate matter (PM2.5), all of which can accumulate in the local environment and impact air and soil quality.
- **Marine contamination:** Given the coastal location and prevailing weather patterns, airborne pollutants and potential surface runoff could adversely affect marine life, fisheries, and water quality within the harbour.
- **Climate impact:** Approving a waste incinerator contradicts Ireland's national and EU commitments to reducing carbon emissions and prioritising waste prevention, reuse, and recycling over disposal.

## 2. Public Health Concerns

Scientific evidence demonstrates that communities living near incinerators face higher risks of respiratory illnesses, cardiovascular diseases, and certain cancers due to long-term exposure to emitted pollutants.

- The proposed site is located **close to residential areas, schools, and healthcare facilities**, making the risk to human health unacceptable.
- Prevailing south-westerly winds would likely carry emissions inland toward residential communities in Ringaskiddy, Cobh, and Monkstown.
- The incinerator could also impact local agriculture and food production, raising concerns about contamination of local produce and seafood.

## 3. Traffic and Infrastructure Impact

The project would place additional strain on already limited local road infrastructure:

- The transport of waste materials to and from the site would result in a **significant increase in heavy goods vehicle (HGV) traffic**, exacerbating congestion on the N28 and surrounding routes.
- Increased traffic brings additional air pollution, noise, and road safety risks for local residents and workers in the area.

- The local transport network is already under pressure from port and industrial traffic, and this development would further degrade road quality and increase emissions.

Notwithstanding the zoning of the greater Ringaskiddy area as industrial, the Indaver site area where the incinerator build is proposed (RY-I-09) is zoned as suitable for the extension of the Third Level Educational campus and enterprise related development including marine related education, enterprise, research and development. (RY-I-09, Table 4.1.17: Specific Development Objectives for Ringaskiddy, Cork County Development Plan 2022 - 28) This is dismissed in the August 2025 information but it is of critical importance that this zoning be upheld as it is directly linked to the investment in the NMCI and MaREI Campus areas and the potential for future growth of this sector. The proposed incinerator is therefore in direct contravention of the County Development Plan and contrary to the specified objectives for the immediate area.

#### 4. Visual and Landscape Impact

Ringaskiddy Harbour and its surroundings have a distinctive coastal landscape that is both visually sensitive and of cultural significance.

- The incinerator's **industrial scale, height, and bulk** would dominate the skyline and irreversibly alter the character of the harbour.
- Its presence would detract from the area's appeal for tourism, recreation, and maritime activities.
- The proposed development is incompatible with the surrounding environment and with the objectives of maintaining a visually and environmentally sustainable harbour area.

#### 5. Community and Sustainability Considerations

- The development runs counter to Cork County Council's sustainability goals and public commitment to a **circular economy**. Building an incinerator discourages recycling and waste reduction efforts.
- The Ringaskiddy community has consistently voiced strong opposition to similar proposals over many years, reflecting the clear absence of a social licence for this project.
- Approving this incinerator would set a damaging precedent for further industrialisation of the harbour area, undermining efforts to promote clean industry, innovation, and tourism in Cork Harbour.

#### Conclusion

In light of the serious and wide-ranging negative effects outlined above, I respectfully request that Cork County Council **refuse planning permission** for the proposed commercial incinerator at Ringaskiddy Harbour.

The development is **incompatible with sustainable land use**, detrimental to public health and the environment, and contrary to both local and national policy objectives regarding climate action, air quality, and community wellbeing.

Thank you for considering this objection.

Yours faithfully,  
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