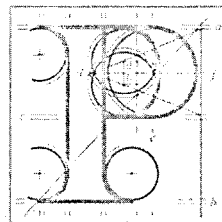


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**An
Coimisiún
Pleanála**

Anne O'Connor
Wavecrest
Weaver's Point
Crosshaven
Co. Cork
P43 E722

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.

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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OBSERVATION ON SID APPLICATION - Case reference: PA04.318802, Ringaskiddy Co Cork Proposed development of a resource recovery centre (including waste-to-energy facility) by Indaver NV t/a Indaver Ireland

OBSERVER NAME: Anne O'Connor

DATE: 8th November 2025

OBSERVER ADDRESS : Wavecrest, Weaver's Point, Crosshaven, Co.Cork. P43E722

OBSERVATION DETAILS

- Notwithstanding the information submitted in August 2025, the site is fundamentally too small for the project proposed and continues to reduce in size, with coastal erosion on one side and boundary reduced by M28 on the other. It is considered that the actual usable area of the site is inadequate in relation to the scale of development proposed. (Derek Daly, 2017).
- The EIS was found to be deficient in substance by all 3 Bord Pleanála Inspectors, 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.
- There is no de novo site selection in the material submitted in 2025, but instead a justification based on site ownership by Indaver, with inadequate consideration given to major public and private investment initiatives which have transformed the character of the immediate area in the intervening period since 2000. (Daly 2017)
- The site is located on a known flood risk area, marked as same in Table 4.1.17: Specific Development Objectives for Ringaskiddy, and on OPW floodinfo.ie , (Flood Summary ID-1364, 13082, 12085). Mitigation measures to locate the facility at levels significantly above projected flooding levels would exacerbate the negative visual impact of the proposed large structure. It is my considered opinion that the site is inherently unsuitable for location of a use which processes, and generates hazardous compounds. (Oznur Yukel Finn, 2009)
- 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.

In conclusion I, as a private citizen and a representative of the ever-growing swimming communities in the harbour area, request that this application be refused. We, in the communities of Cork Harbour from Cobh to Whitegate and around to Crosshaven, are being ignored by An Bord Pleanála even though their own inspectors have concluded 3 times that the site is unsuitable. We are accused of nimbyism by the powers that be but I would strongly argue that the whole lower harbour area has had to accept and embrace a huge amount of industrialisation since the land in Ringaskiddy was taken over by the IDA in the 1970s. We are grateful for the employment and stability this provided. Does this mean, however, that we have to forever stay silent and continue to accept the imposition of unsuitable development. At what stage are we allowed to have our voices heard? 30,000 people objected to Indaver's first application. The Cork Harbour area, which was once polluted by Irish Steel, has undergone huge changes even in the last 10 years with serious investment into establishing it as a tourist centre. Our attitudes to how we manage waste as a nation has also changed greatly – Ireland's national policy on waste prioritises waste prevention, reuse and recycling. We hear all the time about the circular economy – incineration does not fit into this scenario in any way.

In June 2024 Indaver were requested by the The Board to update all its planning application documentation. In August 2025, Indaver submitted extensive new documentation and public consultation was re-opened for a period of 6 weeks – a cynical move, in my opinion, only allowing a very short period for submission of observations by those opposed to the development.

Please refuse this planning application on the basis that the site is inherently unsuitable, 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 - 28 for this site.

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

Please see my payment fee of E50.

Anne O'Connor,
Antoinette Wilson
Jess Burke,
Margaret O'Leary
Noreen Desmond