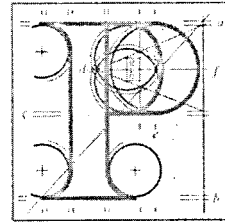


Our Case Number: ABP-318802-24



An
Coimisiún
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Date: 27 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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**Submission re. proposed Indaver Incinerator in Ringaskiddy
Case Number ABP-318802-24**

I am a third year Biomedical Science student at UCC and MTU. I have a strong interest in environmental and climate change issues that will affect my future and that of the whole world as well as issues that will impact on my hometown of Cobh.

Reading the **RINGASKIDDY RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE Issue 2 | 2025 Environmental Impact Statement Non-Technical Summary** shows that so much of what should be highlighted by the authors of that document is not being questioned at all, because the author's clients wouldn't like it!

Searching the document for "emissions" yields 31 results. However, the elephant in the room is carbon dioxide emissions and **searching the entire document for carbon dioxide yields just 2 results**. One relates to carbon dioxide emissions during construction and the other makes the unsubstantiated assumptions that *"In the absence of the proposed facility, waste would be collected and disposed of to landfill or exported for incineration in Europe. Landfills produce methane which is twenty eight times more powerful than carbon dioxide as a greenhouse gas, and by diverting waste from landfill, the negative effect of the production of methane is avoided. Reducing the export of residual waste will also reduce carbon emissions from transport of waste"*.

Indaver's own figures can be extrapolated to show that the proposed incinerator will send 75% of the energy produced by burning the waste up the stack as waste heat. Using widely available conversion figures, burning 240,000 of Municipal Solid Waste will produce between 240,000 and 408,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year for the next 30 years. A plant operating at this level of inefficiency has no place anywhere, considering EU policy and the binding obligations under the European Climate Law (Regulation (EU) 2021/1119) and the Waste Framework Directive (Directive 2008/98/EC) which require consistency with the EU's decarbonisation and waste-hierarchy objectives.

The new EU Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), which will now be submitted to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is to reduce net Green House Gases (GHG) emissions by 66.25–72.5% below 1990 levels by 2035, covering all sectors of the economy and all GHGs. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_2592

In my opinion, the Board should take into account the **latest** international and EU climate commitments, including those that will arise from COP30, which directly inform the interpretation of these obligations when deliberating on this proposal.

I wasn't even born when the proposal for an incinerator was first made for this site. After decades of spewing emissions into the air that disperses over Cobh, Irish Steel was demolished in 2005 a few months after I was born. The hazardous waste from the plant was dumped into the sea for decades in what became known as the East Tip, and it wasn't until 2018 that it was covered over and made safer. It is now the site of a public park in the centre of our Harbour

In 2005 there were less than 50 Cruise Ships visiting Cobh and they were small. Now there's almost 100 much bigger ships each year, bringing 170,000 passengers and they bring a festive atmosphere and money to Cobh as well as revenue for the train services that I use to get to College. Tourists flock from Cork city on the train to experience all that Cobh has to offer. Tourism has such a positive impact on Cobh, much of it

hinged on the history of Cork Harbour and Cobh's picturesque setting on the second largest Natural Harbour in the world.

As I get on the train, I see the refurbished Naval stores on Haulbowline looking fantastic. When I climb the hills, I see Spike Island and the green ferries plying the waters with happy visitors. And the site of the proposed ugly lump of an incinerator with a chimney as high as our Cathedral will be right there for everyone to look at and say, is this the best that can be done for this site?

The new port at Ringaskiddy isn't pretty, but ports need access to the sea. This incinerator could be sited anywhere, and the waste heat could be used if built at the right site. This isn't waste heat at all, but a valuable resource that must be used so that Ireland can reach its climate targets.

We need to think carefully about what is permitted on the shores of Cork Harbour or there will be nothing left of the natural landscape and all of its potential will be destroyed.

I am opposed to the proposed Indaver incinerator at this site, which is a lazy attempt at waste recovery. It should be rejected once and for all.

Signed:
Bláthín Verwey
November 2025