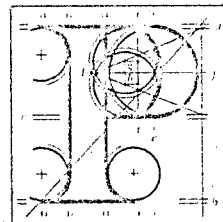


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**An
Coimisiún
Pleanála**

Bonnie & Kevin Morata
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Co. Cork
P24 XC86

Date: 19 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: Bonnie & Kevin Morata

DATE: 13/11/2015

OBSERVER ADDRESS: 7 The Crescent, Spy Hill, Cobh, Co. Cork P24 XC86

OBSERVATION DETAILS

Notwithstanding the information submitted in August 2015, 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*).

By all 3 Bord Pleanála 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.

There is no de novo site selection in the material submitted in 2015, 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.

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.

In addition to site unsuitability, there are numerous concerns we have as residents and parents of young children. We've have listed our additional concerns below:

- Meaningful public consultation was not carried out, in breach of international guidelines.
- Health effects (per WHO and IARC) include cancer, heart defects, respiratory illness, immune and hormonal disruption, birth defects, and learning difficulties. Children and infants are especially vulnerable.
- The British Society for Ecological Medicine (2005) concluded that no new incinerators should be built due to the health risks of fine particulates.
- No Health Impact Assessment was conducted or required by An Bord Pleanála.
- No state body monitors health impacts near incinerators.
- Dioxins from emissions contaminate soil and water, entering the food chain — threatening Ireland's €7 billion agri-food industry. Belgium's 1999 dioxin crisis cost €465 million.
- Irregularities in Indaver's dioxin figures were discovered during the 2016 oral hearing.
- Incinerators must be kept fed with waste; this is bad news for waste prevention, bad news for recycling and may lead to importing foreign waste.
- Incineration creates toxic ash (about one-third the original waste volume).
- National waste capacity already exists; making this entirely unnecessary to meet the country's steadily decreasing waste needs.

We entirely reject the approval of the development and operation of this incinerator as it puts the health of ourselves, our family, our community, and the environment at grave risk for absolutely no *true* benefit.

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