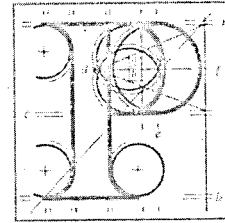


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**An
Coimisiún
Pleanála**

Brian Cotter
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Lake Road
Cobh
Co. Cork

Date: 20 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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Dear Sir/Ms.

I object very much to this proposal as a harbour area resident. I have several reasons for this including but not limited to:

- It is on the wrong, small, constantly eroding site. This site was considered too small more than 20 years ago when first proposed. It is now even smaller due to erosion and will continue to erode as sea levels rise. It would also be disastrous if there was an ingress of sea water at some point into such a (by its nature) contaminated facility.
- It is the wrong site due to the nature and beauty of Cork harbour. Second largest natural harbour in the world. Cork harbour has become in recent times a thriving hub of tourism with harbour tours, Spike Island visitor experience, more than a hundred cruise liners each summer. What possible excuse could there be to add an ugly industrial building pouring a disgusting plume of smoke out into our air? Can you imagine the Australians doing such a thing to Sydney harbour? They have had the foresight to use their amenity to its fullest for residential, recreational and tourism uses.
- This facility is not needed as the other two incinerators in Ireland are already providing waste incineration ample to our needs. It is no longer EU policy as I understand it to incinerate waste as it is absolutely not in keeping with the goals of a circular economy. Burning waste is in no way "circular", it is entirely dead-end linear.
- Nature. When I was a child we used to regularly see basking sharks in the waters of the harbour. For many years they were a rarity as industry took hold. In more recent years since the cleaning up of Haulbowline island and the shutdown of the steel works they have started to return regularly. We also have dolphins, seals and otters regularly seen to name but a few. Similarly Cuskinny nature reserve is home to thousands of migratory and resident birds. This return to nature is what we should be aiming for, not a return to industry.

- From a purely selfish perspective I absolutely do not want this thing burning 24/7 in my harbour. Cork harbour is a natural geographical bowl. On a calm day the mist sits in a most beautiful inversion. If there was an incinerator pumping out smoke into that air, we as harbour residents would be breathing in whatever this place produces. Despite what Indaver may say about filters, it is well documented that air quality in the region of incinerators is poor. If that air is then not being effectively blown out of the harbour, thousands of residents are affected. Even when there is a breeze the prevailing wind will bring the plume ashore rather than dispersing it out to sea. Would you be happy to raise your children and grandchildren in such an environment?
- Education and youth. We now have the National Marine College, UCCs Beaufort building as well as our rapidly expanding Naval service in the very immediate area of this proposed incinerator. These amenities are about education and looking forward to the future of renewable energy as well as providing protection to our coastline. How in all conscience can we consider allowing something as retrograde as an incinerator to be built in the same area?
- I reference the following wording from the IAA - National Aviation Safeguarding Framework Consultation Document

"Military aerodromes are not included within the statutory provisions. However, the IAA recommends that planning applicants and / or **developers engage** with the Property Management Branch of the Department of Defence in relation to proposed developments which may have an impact on the safety of activities at military aerodromes and facilities.

The cooling tower proposed height is well more than 20m and poses a significant risk to Naval helicopter aviation operations.

These are just a few of my thoughts and objections to this appalling proposal. I feel extremely strongly that this is not only the wrong site, but altogether the wrong way to deal with our waste. Government needs to catch up to the current thinking about the circular economy and stop supporting a carbon dioxide producing industry as their preferred way of dealing with waste , while the rest of us are being asked to reduce our own emissions by changing our daily habits.

Kind regards,

Brian Cotter.

