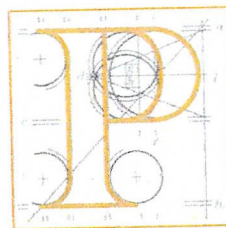


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Date: 24 November 2025

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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Re: Observation on Indaver's Proposed Waste-to-Energy Incinerator at Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to submit my formal observation regarding Indaver Ireland's proposed waste-to-energy incinerator in Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork. As a resident of **Crosshaven**, I have significant concerns about the environmental, health, and community impacts of this development.

1. Public Health Concerns

There is strong evidence that emissions from waste incineration can include dioxins, particulate matter, heavy metals, and other pollutants. Given the proximity to residential areas, schools, healthcare facilities, and the wider Cork Harbour community, I believe the proposal poses an unacceptable risk to public health. Even with modern filtration systems, long-term cumulative exposure remains a concern.

2. Environmental Impact on Cork Harbour

Cork Harbour is an environmentally sensitive and strategically important area, supporting marine habitats, biodiversity, fishing activity, and recreational use. The introduction of a large industrial incinerator risks degrading air and water quality and undermining ongoing conservation and regeneration efforts.

3. Traffic and Safety Issues

The transport of large volumes of waste to and from the facility will substantially increase heavy-goods vehicle traffic in an already constrained area. This raises safety concerns for local residents and places additional pressure on existing road infrastructure.

4. Incompatibility with Local and National Policy

The development appears inconsistent with regional planning strategies that encourage a transition to a circular economy, increased recycling, and reduced dependency on incineration. Ireland's national and EU obligations to minimise waste and prioritise sustainable waste management may be undermined by constructing long-term incineration infrastructure.

5. Coastal Vulnerability and Site Unsuitability

The proposed location is low-lying and vulnerable to the effects of coastal erosion, storm surges, and potential sea-level rise. Locating a hazardous industrial facility in an area with known coastal risks is unsustainable and may create future public safety hazards.

6. Impact on Community Wellbeing and Local Development

The presence of a large incinerator in Ringaskiddy may negatively affect community wellbeing, local amenity value, and the image of Cork Harbour as a place for education, recreation, tourism, and innovation. The strong and consistent opposition from residents and community groups highlights the deep concern and lack of social acceptance for this project.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully request that this proposal be rejected. The long term environmental, health, and community risks outweigh any potential benefits. Sustainable waste reduction and recycling strategies should be prioritised over incineration.

Thank you for considering my observation.

Yours sincerely,
Brian Twomey