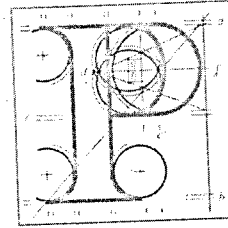


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An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Cllr Cathal Rasmussen
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West End Terrace
Cobh
Co. Cork
P24 E516

Date: 02 December 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,

Kevin McGettigan

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To: An Coimisiun Pleanála,

From : Cllr Cathal Rasmussen, Rosemount, West End Terrace, Cobh , P24E516

Re: Application by Indaver Ireland Ltd , Proposed Resource Recovery Centre , Ringaskiddy, Cork Harbour, Ref No: PA04.318802

10/11/2025

I formally object to the proposed Indaver Resource Recovery Centre at Ringaskiddy on a number of grounds including visual and landscape intrusion, heritage impact, insufficient geological assessment, coastal erosion concerns, air quality and public health concerns, traffic and transport implications, as well as shipping and hazardous waste concerns and finally conflict with the county development plan.

It's hard to believe that the 3 inspectors from the board voted to refuse the application but this was ignored and here we are now again after all these years fighting against this planning application. Scores of people have met in recent weeks and as a public representative I support by the level of opposition from so many people.

- Landscape and Visual Impact

The proposed location would be located on an elevated field overlooking Cork Harbour which would destroy the whole look of the harbour.

The 75 metre stack and buildings would dominate the sky line emitting plumes from the stack all year round.

This would completely take from a scenic area and the huge tourist attraction of Cork Harbour and the 100 Liners visiting from all over the world.

- Heritage Impact

This site is adjacent to the historic Martello Tower, a 19th century coastal defence structure and locating the site anywhere in this area would over shadow the tower with a massive stack which will be seen from all over the harbour.

- Geological Assessment

Up to date surveys and proper monitoring of the coast line and beaches with its unique rock family would need to be done in conjunction with this application. The current EIS and supporting archaeology appendices are insufficient to date.

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- Coastal Erosion

There are huge concerns about coast erosion and with risks of coastal movement and collapse. These cliffs shelter beaches which would become redundant if the project gets the go ahead.

- Air Quality and Public Health Concerns

Local communities and medical experts have expressed ongoing concerns about health risks associated with this Incinerator while elevated cancer and other illnesses are well documented in the harbour region in recent years fears are high of further health issues if this development goes ahead. Concerns are also high about the possible presence of dioxins, heavy metal and other unknowns in any emissions from the 75metre stack.

- Traffic and Transport

With the proposed size of the plant the residents in the area will experience huge increases in the volume of trucks in and out of the village with up to 150 truck movements daily. While a new road layout is under way coupled with the increased traffic in the port of cork the whole area will become a complete truck zone. Knock on effects will be felt further back towards the tunnel and queuing at the Jack Lynch Tunnel and surrounding areas will only increase.

- Shipping

With the possibility of importing waste by ship and the planned opening and full use of the port of cork berthing facilities ,shipping traffic and risks of pollution in the harbour area will greatly increase and add to the overall harbour congestion. The town of Cobh relies heavily on the Liner business and this trade could be affected if the project gets the go ahead.

- Tourism and Planning

Recently Bord Failte launched a plan for tourism in the Cork Harbour area over the next number of years. The hub of the plan is to continue to develop the harbour as a water sports and recreational destiny. Building this incinerator in Cork Harbour is contrary to this plan and will ruin the tourism plan for the future. It goes against the county development plan for the harbour and at the last county development plan this site was rezoned for educational purposes.

This site is surrounded by the maritime college and beaufort institute , as well as the headquarters for the naval base. This was already noted by the inspectors and that they had concerns about the flight path of helicopters in the area due to the fallout from the 75 metre stack.

In recent years Cork Harbour, once polluted by Irish Steel,has undergone a 64million euro clean up, transforming it into a place of beauty and economic value, with Spike Island and Fort Camden also redeveloped for tourism.

This was the wrong site then, it's the wrong site now and will always be the wrong site for this incinerator.

I hope you listen and say no to the granting of permission.



CLlr Cathal Rasmussen