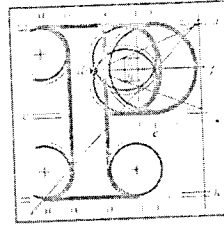


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Date: 02 December 2025

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](http://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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12<sup>th</sup> November 2025

The Secretary  
An Bord Pleanála  
64 Marlborough Street  
Dublin.1 D01 V902

**Subject: Formal Objection to Proposed Ringaskiddy Resource Recovery Centre**  
**Case Reference: PA04.318802**

Dear Sir/Madam,

This objection is submitted on behalf of the committee, members, and families of **Cobh Comhaltas** (Cobh Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann).

We are a community-based, non-profit organisation dedicated to the preservation and promotion of traditional Irish music, song, dance, and language. Our membership consists of local families, including many children and young learners who participate in our weekly classes, sessions, and cultural events.

The proposed incinerator at Ringaskiddy poses a direct threat to the well-being of our members and the community environment we serve. Our objections are focused on the following two primary concerns:

### **1. Unacceptable Risks to Public Health, Especially Children**

As a community organisation entrusted with the welfare of local children, our primary concern is public health. The proposed site is in close proximity to the 15,000 residents of Cobh and Great Island.

Children and infants are documented as being especially vulnerable to the health impacts of fine particulate emissions, which can include respiratory illness, immune disruption, and developmental issues. The prevailing winds in the harbour frequently blow directly towards Cobh, meaning our members and their families are at risk from both routine and accidental releases.

It is our understanding that no independent, comprehensive Health Impact Assessment (HIA) has been conducted to evaluate the long-term epidemiological risks to the 15,000

residents in the adjacent downwind area. We believe it is fundamentally unacceptable to expose our children and community to these risks.

## **2. Conflict with Community, Amenity, and Cultural Heritage**

The mission of Comhaltas is to foster Irish culture, which is inseparable from our local environment, heritage, and sense of place. The proposed development represents a severe over-industrialisation of Cork Harbour.

This proposal is visually and symbolically incompatible with the area's character. It directly conflicts with the multi-million-euro public investment in amenities like the Haulbowline Island Park and Spike Island—spaces that our community, members, and families use and cherish for recreation and connection.

Placing a high-risk industrial facility in this location devalues our local heritage, damages the sense of place, and undermines the work of community groups like ours who are striving to make Cobh a vibrant, healthy, and culturally-rich place to live and raise a family.

### **Conclusion**

This proposal is sited in a fundamentally inappropriate location. It prioritises industrial waste processing over the established rights of our community to a safe environment, clean air, and the enjoyment of our local amenities and cultural heritage.

**We respectfully urge the Board to refuse permission for this development and we kindly request a full public hearing to continue full public participation in this application.**

Yours sincerely,

Cobh Comhaltas Committee