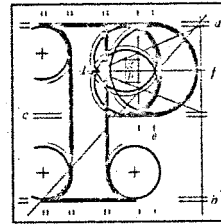


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**An
Coimisiún
Pleanála**

Coláiste Muire
Crosshaven
Co. Cork

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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Submission against the proposed incinerator at Ringaskiddy

1. Traffic

We strongly oppose the building of the incinerator in Ringaskiddy because it would only be adding to the traffic that is already present, especially during rush-hour when people are typically travelling to and from work, school, etc. Ringaskiddy is a small town with big and busy industries, such as the Port of Cork, so traffic is already busy enough with containerships and cars travelling to and from the port on a daily basis. An incinerator would mean a constant flow of heavy trucks carrying waste, increased traffic jams and noise pollution for the local residents living there. This would not only affect locals getting to work or to school but would also create a safety risk to people walking on the narrow, busy roads. The added traffic would make the area less attractive for families and businesses. For these reasons, the incinerator should find a different location as it would do more harm than good.

2. Wildlife

Granting permission for the incinerator would mean agreeing to the endangerment of many wildlife species, which include birds, bats, moths, badgers, otters, and many more. The site planned for building the incinerator is host to many rare species including amber and red listed species that will soon be put at further risk if permission is granted. Wildlife within our local area will be heavily impacted if it is agreed to build the incinerator along with all of its other negative consequences. Along with on-land wildlife, the incinerator's proximity to marine protected areas and marine life that are unique to Cork Harbour jeopardises the marine species within our area. It could also lead to the cancellation and decline of our natural landscapes in the local area, not only being unfavorable towards wildlife and animals, but also visually unappealing, especially in a public area. The granting of permission for the incinerator may only cause a regression in our environment as it is in no way beneficial for our wildlife during a time where it is crucial to preserve what we have.

3. Air Quality

Air quality can have an extremely negative impact on peoples' health. Tiny molecules of particulate matter and chemicals such as Carbon Monoxide, Sulfur Dioxide and Nitrous Oxides can have impacts on people's health. The miniscule size of these particles mean they can easily be taken into human lungs, from here they can penetrate deep into the tissue and even enter the bloodstream. This can lead to a variety of health issues including aggravated asthma, decreased lung function and an increased risk of heart attack, strokes and even premature death to name a few. While these do already exist in the air from other sources of internal combustion such as cars and tyre wear, the level of these emitted from incinerators is off the scale. In a study completed by Peter Darvas, he discovered that the emissions from an incinerator are 140 times greater than the measured diesel car. This massive increase in particulate matter and chemicals will have a knock on effect to the surrounding areas. As well as this, from the perspective of our students and teachers, the close proximity of the proposed incinerator will affect the air quality of our local area. Here our school is already affected by emissions from cars given school drop off times and having incinerator emissions on top of this would be extremely detrimental for the health of locals and students alike.

4. Sailing & Local Clubs and Communities

The introduction of an incinerator into the harbour would, as already stated, increase concentrations in the air and water of many toxic and harmful chemicals that are dangerous to humans and animals alike. It would seem that Indaver would disregard the other activities that go on in the Harbour so that they may increase their own gain. A few of these soon-to-be compromised or outright inoperable activities include the Royal Cork Yacht Club. It has been in operation since 1720 yet given it is so dependant on the continued health of the water, if the water were to become excessively contaminated with oxides of carbon and nitrous, then the club would be forced to close as the water would be too contaminated and become a risk to the health of the people.

5. Preserving Natural Beauty within our Community

Having an incinerator in Ringaskiddy honestly just feels unfair, especially for young people. The adults who decided to build it won't even be around in the future, but we're the ones who'll have to look at it every day and live with whatever problems it causes. Instead of growing up with the nice views Cork Harbour is known for, we'll be stuck with this big industrial view that we never asked for. It makes us feel like our opinions don't matter, as if the people in charge made a choice we'll have to deal with long after they're gone. It definitely changes how we see our community and what it might be like when we're older. We want to enjoy the beautiful views of Cork Harbour for the rest of our life and people in power should not take that away from us.

6. Value of Property

We believe that by building this incinerator, you risk allowing the rapid depreciation in value of local property. Cork Harbour is a highly desirable place for many people seeking to purchase a home with prices generally reflecting this. The building of these homes is an important part of our industry and infrastructure. It supports local employment as well as the flourishing of our local communities by enabling more people to live here and enrich our communities with diverse cultures, talents and skills. Should the building of the incinerator lead to a fall in property prices, which we believe is a very real possibility, many people would risk their homes going into negative equity which would have serious financial consequences for them. Many people would be put off coming to live in Cork Harbour for all of the reasons discussed in this submission, which would make it extremely difficult for people to sell their homes. The lack of demand in the area would lead to a reduction in the number of new homes being built, which again will have knock on effects for local businesses and industry.

7. Beauty of Natural Landscape destroyed

As a common admirer of landscapes, the proposed incinerator is a scourge on our natural landscape. There is absolutely no excuse for the desecration of wildlife and the beauty within it. Every day we as a community work hard to maintain our landscape - through schemes such as the Tidy Towns, 3 for the Sea and the recent government imposed plastic bottle recycling scheme. We feel that the continued attempts of Indaver to build this incinerator despite continuous objections from the local community is in many ways disrespectful of the many community-driven efforts to ensure the long-lasting health of our beautiful Cork Harbour.