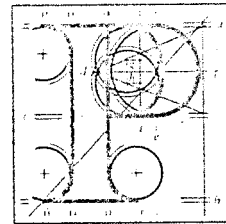


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An
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Pleanála

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T12 AHF6

Date: 26 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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11th November 2025

Re: ABP-318802-24

Planning Number: 318802

Applicants: Indaver NV t/a Indaver Ireland

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to make some observations in relation to the planning application by Indaver NV trading as Indaver Ireland for the proposed development of a resource recovery centre (including waste-to-energy facility).

I share with a great many of my neighbours and several Cork harbour communities grave concerns regarding this proposed development.

Both as resident of Monkstown and as someone who has provided health services to the population of Cobh in my capacity as a general medical practitioner I am concerned about the potential effects of pollutants from this facility. While, no doubt, Indaver will argue that this facility will mitigate these effects, the fact remains that all incinerators release pollutants into the air. Air pollution is a known cause of asthma, bronchitis and other respiratory diseases and is associated with increased risk of deaths from cardiovascular disease and cancers. In observations I made (orally) to a hearing regarding a previous application by Indaver for such a facility I noted that Cobh, in particular, has had more than its fair share of exposure to industrial pollutants and its population already bear the health consequences of such exposures. It is, in my view, very wrong to potentially inflict further health risks to this population. I also understand that this facility has the potential to spread its noxious products to an even wider geographic area of 40 square miles (including my home in Monkstown and other centres of population such as Carriagaline, Crosshaven and even Cork City). I note that the British Society for Ecological Medicine have concluded that no new incinerators should be build due to the health risks of fine particulates. It is also my understanding that no proper health impact assessment was conducted or required in relation to this or previous applications

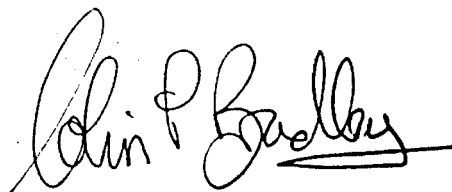
made by Indaver (to an Bord Pleanála). Furthermore, I have no confidence in the ability or capacity of Indaver to protect the health of either its workers or populations living near their incinerators. Fires have been reported to have occurred at several Indaver incinerators in the UK, Belgium, the Netherlands, France and Germany.

It appals me that, despite several previous applications for an incinerator at this site having been refused and on the recommendation of an Bord Pleanála's own inspectors, this application is still being considered. The total unsuitability of the proposed site has repeatedly been highlighted. The site is known to be prone to flooding. Any proposed mitigation efforts would exacerbate the negative visual impact that will compound the negative visual impact of the proposed structure. Furthermore, given the location of the site which is, in essence, at the end of what a cul-de-sac there are great risks to surrounding populations in the event of a fire at the facility. Indaver's record of fires at their sites has been noted above. This location would also necessitate many trucks potentially carrying noxious material which would pose additional risks in the event of an accident. This location has latterly been developed as a centre for education and research with the construction of the National Maritime College and Beaufort Institute. The importance of these developments is now reflected in the Cork County Council development plan which has, I understand, rezoned this area from industrial to educational. Thus, this application is also in breach of the Cork County Development plan.

Finally, I question the need for this sort of facility in the first place. Our national policy on waste management prioritises waste reduction, recycling and reuse. Incineration is not the answer to waste. We need to work harder on ways to reduce waste. Once incineration is available it undermines other efforts at waste management and even encourages waste generation particularly if the waste is being used to generate energy. We have already shown in Cork harbour that we can generate plenty of energy from wind. It is also the case that, once an incinerator is in place, it creates an appetite for waste (on the part of the operator) who will, in addition to discouraging other modes of home waste disposal, be incentivised to import waste for incineration from other countries. Incineration does not get rid of waste entirely – it merely reduces the volume while polluting the air. There will still be residual waste which generally includes toxic ash which carries further health risks. Many other countries are successfully moving away from incineration as a means of waste disposal. It is crazy to, potentially, be going in the wrong direction at this time.

There are many other grounds on which this application could be refused which I am sure others will highlight. For my part I wish to lodge these observations. I will include the required fee of €50 herewith and would appreciate acknowledgement of receipt of same

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Colin P Bradley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the name.

Colin P Bradley