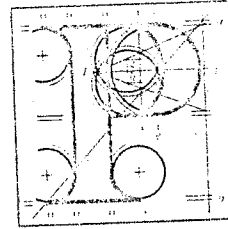


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Colm & Martini McDonagh
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Date: 02 December 2025

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.

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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11 October 2025

Re: Observation ON SID APPLICATION – Case ref: PA04.318802, Ringaskiddy Co. Cork
Proposed development of a resource recovery centre by Indaver NV t/a Indaver Ireland.

We wish to fully object to the above mentioned on several grounds and request an oral hearing.

Considering EU climate ambitions, how can this incinerator be allowed ss it would be sending 75% of heat produced up its gigantic chimney stack. This will thereafter produce approximately 200,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year for the next 30 years. Considering EU policy and the binding obligations under European Climate Law (EU 2021/1119) and the Waste Framework Directive (Directive 2008/98/EC) which requires consistency with the Union's decarbonisation and waste-hierarchy objectives. An Coimisiun Pleanala must take into account EU and International climate commitments, including those arising from COP30!

A true waste-to-energy plant turns waste heat into useful energy for homes or industry. Indavers proposal does not do this. Its just waste disposal! Under EU and Irish energu-efficiency law, any new incinerator or large thermal plant must (a) perform a CHP cost-effective analysis and (b) includes heat-recovery infrastructure if the analysis shows it to be feasible, A project that omits both fails compliance and the Energy Efficiency Directive Article 14, Industrial Emissions directive BAT requirements, and Waste Framework Directive Annex II recovery criteria, This Indaver proposal omits both.

The chosen site is too small and in a cul-de-sac and likely has no room for CHP plant, heat exchangers etc. The site has known boundary erosion issues and is known for flooding. The site location has also been reduced in size due to the building of the M28.

Since 2001, the area is no longer industrial. Millions of euro has been spent in the area's redevelopment (leisure, Tourism, Colleges, Haulbowline island Park etc). Cork Harbor has great plans for the future and an incinerator would be detrimental to the area and these plans. Tourism is HUGE in Corks Harbor with 90 plus cruise ships visiting Cobh and Ringaskiddy each year as well as visitors to Spike Island. A huge incinerator would be an

absolute eye-sore for all visitors (10-15,000 visitors each week on cruise ships alone during high season). Spike Island is one of the most popular visitor tourist attractions in Ireland which again draws thousands of visitors each week to the harbour. Spike Island is approximately 700 meters from the Indaver proposed site! Not acceptable!

The height of the proposed chimney stack on the incinerator and the size of the building is huge! Far too big for such a small site. It would dwarf everything around it as far as the eye can see, in such a huge tourist catchment area. Totally not in keeping with the heritage towns and islands, tourism objectives, beautiful beaches, yacht clubs etc. The chimney stack would have toxic fumes bellowing from its stack 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, for many, many years. I suffer from serious respiratory problems and a chronic cough condition due to asthma and hypersensitivity in my airways. This will not be happening on my watch!!!

Wildlife and ecosystems would be seriously impacted on in the greater cork harbour area and would be hugely endangered by the Indaver incinerator in this specific site. In Cork, 9 out of 9 Bat species have been identified. These are an endangered species and must not be impacted upon as well as the growing number of species of birds migrating to the area each year.

Healthwise, an incinerator would be detrimental to an already suffering community. For decades, many Irish Naval personnel and Irish Steel workers have died from, recovered from or are in treatment for Cancer due to the known history of Irish Steel (Irish Ispat) and its close proximity to Haulbowline Island. Irish steel was a semi-state-run body which it is now known to have contaminated the surrounding land, air and sea. This region in the harbour has a far higher than average cancer rate so we do NOT want any additional pollutants spewing into the air that we breath, trapped in our harbour basin – with very little monitoring or filtering. This also breeches W.H.O guidelines!

We all know that an incinerator transforms waste into gases and fine dust and ash – all very harmful pollutants. These pollutants enter our food chain, threatening life, our agri-food industry, soils, water and human life! We will not accept an incinerator here!!!

A public health risk

Burning of waste (Irish and imported)

Significant air pollution

Pollutants trapped in harbour basin

Pollution of our water and food

No monitoring or filtering for tiny particles

High cancer rates

Impacts local communities


Totally conflicts with Cork County development plan (2022-2028), industry and tourism plans
Area zoned for education and R&D

No site selection assessment has been completed since 2001. A new selection would immediately demonstrate just how unsuitable this site is!

We look forward to an oral hearing and An Coimisiun Pleanala's final decision to refuse Indaver from building on this site for evermore!

Thank you for your consideration

Yours sincerely


Martini & Colm McDonagh

Cheque enclosed for fifty euro – cheque number 280117/000816