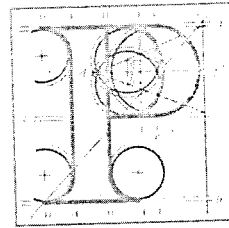


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An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Cork Council of Trade Unions
c/o Ann Piggott
Connolly Hall
Lapps Quay
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,

Kevin McGettigan

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16th November 2025

An Coimisiun Pleanala: Ref ABP-318802-24

Comments on the proposed development of a resource recovery centre (including waste-to-energy facility) in Ringaskiddy, County Cork.

Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Cork Council Of Trade Unions I wish to offer a few comments and observations on the recent submission by Indaver Ireland Ltd in relation to Waste-To-Energy proposal for Ringaskiddy.

An Coimisiun Pleanala received further information from Indaver Ireland Ltd which you advised that this additional information contained therein “contains additional data in relation to the effects on the environment of the proposed development.”

This current examination by An Coimisiún Pleanála (ACP) of the application follows an earlier order of the High Court, into the planning application PL04.PA0045 which followed an earlier oral hearing in 2016. This was returned to the Bord Pleanala to reconsider after the High Court hearing and decision.

A decision of the High Court concluded that the 2018 An Board Pleanala's (ABP) decision was voided due to objective bias over the participation of a member of the Board.

The following are my observations.

1. A decision to locate this Indaver incinerator near the entrance to the bridges which are used by the workers and the naval people at the Haulbowline naval base to come and go to work, places the lives of workers at risk in the event of an accident or explosion in the plant. We believe the health and safety of workers on the naval base and other businesses should not be compromised in this way.

2. The daily toxic emissions and indeterminate pollution arising from this plant throughout entire years production places the health of the local workers, local population and students at the various business and educational premises at risk especially those at the National Maritime College at risk, especially those who might be suffering from various respiratory diseases. This is unacceptable. The health of workers and local people should not be impacted in this way.

3. The impact of an industry such as this may very much jeopardise the arrival of further clean and sustainable industry to the local area thus impacting future employment in the Cork Harbour area.

4. The investments in local tourist business which has taken place in recent years in Cobh, Spike Island and Ringaskiddy itself and which has resulted in an increase in local employment may suffer with the building of this incinerator.

5. There is absolutely no support for this incinerator in the Lower Harbour across all communities, villages and towns in which many workers live.

6. We consider there will be a negative impact on the local environment and the Harbour itself which is used by many residents and their families.

7. We acknowledge that there will be workers employed in the construction and operation of this incinerator. The construction jobs will not be permanent and the workers operating the incinerator may not be clean and healthy jobs.

8 There are far more jobs created in the reusing, recycling and recovery of materials in an environmentally sustainable manner than just by burning them. There may be more possibilities of further cleaner jobs in the wider Harbour area if clean technology was embraced. These would be more sustainable for the local communities and would create long term employment all across the Harbour.

Cork Council of Trade Unions ask An Coimisiun Pleanala to reject this proposal and support your own planning inspector who did so back in 2016.