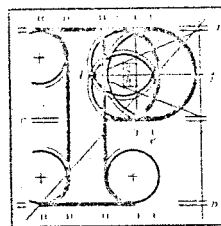


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Dana & Derval Dempsey  
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P43 HD29

**Date:** 19 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](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,

*Lauren Coffey*

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Observation on SID application - Case Reference PA04.318802, Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork.  
Proposed development of a resource recovery centre (including waste -to-energy facility) by  
Indaver NV t/a Indaver Ireland.

Observers Names: Dana Dempsey & Derval Dempsey,

Date: 15th November 2025.

Observers Address: Lone Star, Poulgorm, Coast Road, Fountainstown, Co. Cork.P43 HD29.

We in the strongest terms object to the Indaver application to build an incinerator at Ringaskiddy,  
Cork Harbour.

The site has been substantially compromised in size since the original application, due to ongoing  
costal erosion and the road, there is also road flooding.

OPW's updated rules require safe, dry access for critical infrastructure; this location cannot provide  
it.

Raising ground levels does not solve tidal inundation, a rising water table, or coastal surge, we are  
in a time of rising sea levels

The site fails the Sequential Approach and cannot guarantee egress.

Cork harbour is the second largest harbour in the world and with its topography forms a bowl with  
any low pressure events, the emissions will be contained in the harbour contaminating both the air  
and the water, that's not evening taking into account an accident.

The PFAS are forever chemicals that are emitted by the incinerator, they remain in the air and  
water effecting the present residents and future generations.

The application omits PFAS assessment, ultrafine-particle analysis, and key pollutant monitoring.  
Claims of "safety" cannot stand when these pollutants are unmeasured and the dispersion  
environment is ignored.

Indaver's emissions and accident records are a matter of serious concern and compounded by the  
topography of Cork Harbour and access to the proposed site.

The submission is built on the false premise that the plant is "high-efficiency recovery".

Their own data place the plant below the legal  $R_1$  threshold, which means it is disposal, not  
recovery.

There is no heat-recovery infrastructure, and the site cannot support a heat network, making  
compliance structurally impossible. No heat recovery system is not only going to effect the local  
micro climate but contribute even further to global warming.

High efficiency in Dublin depends on CHP; Meath only narrowly clears the threshold and still  
damages Ireland's carbon performance. Cork cannot meet it at all!!!

As we don't produce enough waste to keep this incinerator working the necessary 24/7 - 365 days  
the waste will have to be imported in by truck (150 trucks pd) and the toxic ash (1/3 of original

volume) will have to be transported out, that's a huge amount of trucks a huge amount of pollution, how can this be justified! Where does the toxic waste go ? Id like to remind the Bord that the Dublin site has to import rubbish to keep the incinerator running, why should Cork endure the repeated mistakes that Indaver Dublin has made.

Irish law now prohibits new residual-waste capacity; national policy requires waste reduction, not expansion.

The supposed "Southern Region capacity gap" is based on planning structures abolished in 2022; capacity is now national, and Ireland already meets projected needs.

Adding new disposal capacity directly contradicts circular-economy policy.

There is a question of integrity where Indaver's facts and figures are concerned as proved at the last day of the Oral hearing in 2016. The amount of breaches in emissions of Indaver's various plants and accidents are also recorded.

This area has also been rezoned by Cork County Council suitable for extension of the third level education campus and enterprise related development including marine related education, enterprise, research and development, eminently suitable being adjacent to the Maritime college and Beauford Institute sites.

There is a large multi million euro Government commitment to develop the harbour through the National Maritime College, Beauford and to support the tourist industry. An incinerator is going to create both a physical eyesore and an environmental disaster and ruling out any chance of expanding the tourist amenities in the area.

There are were over one hundred liners berthed at Cobh this year, supporting numerous jobs in the local community that number will reduce if they are berthed across from and incinerator.

Spike Island is another tourist attraction supporting the local economy, there are harbour tours, plans for water taxis etc. The magnificent views from Fort Camden/Maher out across the harbour will be marred by the site of the incinerator and its chimney.

The Haulbowline Island took 64 million to clean up after Irish Steel closed leaving a contaminated site and to convert it into a local amenity Haulbowline Island Park opened in 2021, who is going to use this amenity with an incinerator nearby.

The Indaver incinerator will also obliterate the view of the Martello Tower at the back of the proposed incinerator.

Cork harbour has a very active marine community, sailing and kayaking to mention two, who is going to want to access this amenity through a haze of toxic fumes.

An incinerator is going to decimate our growing tourism and marine education industries.

The Emissions from the incinerator will spread in a 40 mile radius pending on weather conditions.

Given the increase in the population in the harbour the implication for public health is not quantifiable, only to say that The British Society for Ecological Medicine state no new incinerators should be built due to the health risks from fine particles, the health risks are numerable: children, babies and the elderly are especially vulnerable.

The health implications/diseases from emissions include cancers, heart defects, respiratory illness, immune and hormonal disruption, birth defects and learning difficulties.

NO Health Impact Assessment has been conducted.

Why is this application by Indaver still active? With all the protests and scientific facts using information and rulings from the WHO, European Commission, EPA etc., three An Bord Pleanala inspectors recommended against the application. This subject should not even be up for discussion!