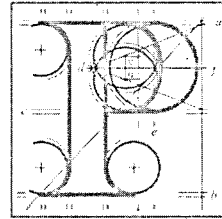


Our Case Number: ABP-318802-24



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

David Quinlan
24 Helms Point
Crosshaven
Co. Cork

Date: 01 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,

Kevin McGettigan

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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**

Name: Mr David Quinlan

Address: 24, Helms Point, Crosshaven, Co.Cork.

Date: 7/11/2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed the required fee of €50 in respect of this observation.

I live in Crosshaven with my wife and our two young daughters. I am also the owner of Oceans of Discovery, a marine education business operating in Cork Harbour. We provide hands on marine learning experiences, school visits, and summer camps for children. I am currently planning the development of a permanent aquarium and marine education centre in the harbour to build on the area's growing reputation for sustainability, research, and innovation.

The proposed incinerator in Ringaskiddy would seriously undermine that progress. It threatens the educational and environmental value of Cork Harbour, a place where children come to learn about the ocean and sustainability. As a parent, I cannot accept that my family's health, or that of our wider community, should be put at risk for the financial gain of a private company.

Cork and Ireland have managed perfectly well without such a facility up to now. At a time when national and EU policy is focused on reducing emissions and promoting a circular economy, approving a waste incinerator here would be a step backward and a slap in the face to those working toward a cleaner future.

The site itself remains unsuitable for this development. It continues to shrink due to coastal erosion on one side and the M28 boundary on the other. All three previous Bord Pleanála Inspectors, Jones (2004), Yukel Finn (2009), and Daly (2017), concluded that the location is inappropriate. The Environmental Impact Statement has repeatedly been found lacking in substance, and the 2025 material still fails to provide adequate evidence for proper assessment.

No genuine re evaluation of alternative sites has been carried out. The justification relies solely on Indaver's ownership of the land, ignoring the major public and private investment that has transformed Ringaskiddy into a centre for marine research, education, and sustainable enterprise.

The site is also recorded as a flood risk area in Table 4.1.17 of the Cork County Development Plan and on OPW flood maps. Raising the structure to mitigate flooding would increase its already severe visual impact. As noted by Inspector Yukel Finn, the site is particularly unsuitable for a facility dealing with hazardous materials.

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The zoning for this specific site, reference RY 1 09, designates it for the expansion of third level educational and marine related enterprise and research development. This zoning supports the NMCI and MaREI campuses and reflects the future direction of Cork Harbour. The proposed incinerator directly contradicts these objectives and conflicts with the Cork County Development Plan 2022 to 2028.

For these reasons, including the site's physical limitations, flood risk, contradiction with planning policy, and the health and community impacts on local families, I strongly urge the Board to refuse this application.

I also wish to request an Oral Hearing to ensure full public participation and transparency in this process.



7/11/25

DAVID QUINLAN