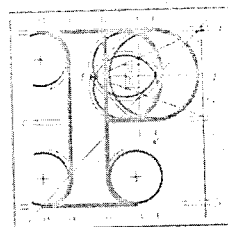


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An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Denise Phelan
Wakio
Point Road
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Co. Cork
P43CF54

Date: 10 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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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 name: Denise Phelan

Observers address: Wakio, Point Rd, Crosshaven P43CF54.

Observation Details

I am writing to formally express my strong objection to the proposed incinerator in Cork Harbour. While I recognise the need for effective waste management solutions, I believe this facility poses significant **health risks** that must be considered. Alternate solutions can and must be examined.

Health Concerns

Incineration can emit harmful pollutants, including dioxins and particulate matter, which can contaminate the air and the water.

Toxico-pathologist and nano-particulate expert, Professor Vyvyan Howard, speaking at the Oral Hearing (Day 6) said that "Chronic low dose exposure to ultra fine particles reduces life expectancy" and cited several published studies which show that "filters are not capable of arresting these particles" which "pass through any filtration system undetected".

Prof Howard cited small children as being more vulnerable to this effect than adults, because they breathe more air per unit of body weight, and have smaller airways which means they need less inflammation to induce turbulence, i.e. asthma.

Carrigaline and Crosshaven have at least ten schools, between primary and secondary schools. The number of children attending these schools are more than 3,000 children. Surely in 2025 we can expect that the **health and wellbeing of our children would take precedent** to a commercial venture, which is set up to primarily generate profits whether its operated solely by a private company or through a public-private partnership.

Alternate Solutions: Rather than putting the future generations health at risk, Cork can lead the way by adopting innovative waste management practices such as enhancing recycling programs to add to the newly established recycling programs in operation. Introduce waste reduction initiatives and more composing facilities. All of which can provide more sustainable solutions without the adverse effects associated with incineration.

I urge the council to make the correct decision here, put **Children's Health before Profit**, future generations depend on responsible decision-making.