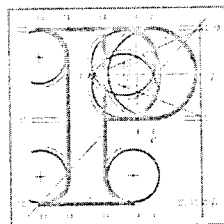


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**Date:** 20 November 2025

**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,

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I wish to make the following observations in relation to the Indaver incinerator proposal

1. It is proposed to build it alongside Gobby beach, an area which is constantly being eroded and has been identified by 3 separate inspectors for An Bord Planala as being unsuitable for this facility.
2. The EU circular economy advises against expanding incinerator capacity as it locks a country into long-term burning of materials which could otherwise be reused.
3. The incinerator will be in use 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and will accept waste from 6 am to 20.00, 5 days a week and from 9 – 1400 on Saturdays. This beast will need to be fed. Has there been an exercise done on how far this waste will be transported from? The proposed plant will have a capacity of 240000 tonnes, the average waste truck carries 15 tonnes of compacted waste, by my estimate that is 16000 trucks. 308 trucks a week, going to and from the facility. How many of those will driving through the already congested and inadequate Jack Lynch tunnel?
4. Indaver are proposing that 10% of the 240000 tonnes will be hazardous materials, that is 24000 tonnes. However, looking at their own figures they are estimating there will be 9271 tonnes of flue gas residue and a further 2037 tonnes of boiler ash. Both are which are considered hazardous waste and will require exporting (they suggest they will go to salt mines!) How

do they propose to transport this extremely toxic material? Back through the Jack Lynch tunnel?

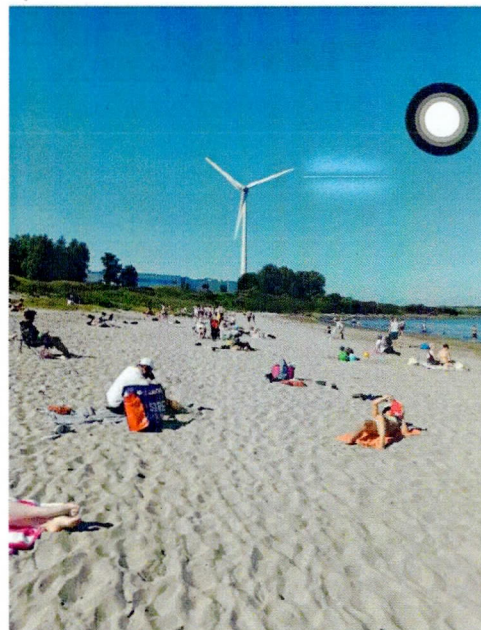
5. The Cork development plan over the past 25 years has been to transform the harbour into a tourism destination and this has been very successful in attracting funding and tourists, examples being Spike Island and Camden and the number of cruise liners visiting the harbour. The way the harbour is now being perceived has been dramatically changed for the better. Building an incinerator on the edge of the harbour, adjacent to a beach, behind Spike Island and visible from water would be a backward step in my opinion. Haulbowline Island Recreational Park, just over 1km from the proposed incinerator site is a good example of how the harbour perimeter has been reimagined. Ironic when it was once a toxic dump and has been estimated to have cost up to 300m euro to decontaminate. (ref Friends of the Earth) – please refer to point 4 as Indaver have not expanded in detail on how it intends to deal with the concentrated hazardous waste it will generate. Will we inherit another toxic tip?

6. Indaver, in their 2025 planning report have acknowledged that a number of other areas have been identified as possible sites for large scale waste facilities, including Carrigtwohill, Kilbarry, Little Island, Whitegate and Bottle Hill. They have opted again for Ringaskiddy on the basis that they already own the site (page 24) even though planners have constantly said it

is unsuitable for an incinerator. Indaver bought the site in the year 2000, the area has radically changed since then in terms of Educational, Environmental, Heritage and Tourism applications and building an incinerator on that site would now be a retrograde use and an insult to the fine work d that has been done in the recent decade

**Finally**

7. This is Lough beg beach, the closest sandy beach to Cork city and is much enjoyed by all ages. The proposed incinerator is 400m away, just beyond the wind turbine. Its chimney stack will be 70m high! Is this what we want for our childrens future.



Thank you for reading my observations,

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