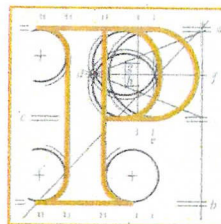


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Emily O'Brien and Others
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Date: 25 November 2025

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,

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17 November 2025

RE: Observation on Planning Application for Proposed Incinerator in Cork Harbour

Case Reference: PA04.318802, Ringaskiddy, Co Cork

To whom it may concern, I appreciate your consideration of the **strong objection** that I am submitting on behalf of my family. We live on Cork Harbour, and with young children, the overall health of the harbour and its inhabitants are our utmost priority for us.

We would like to formally write that we **object** to building an incinerator in Cork Harbor, based on the following grounds:

1. Environmental Concerns

The proposed incinerator poses significant risk to both air and water quality in Cork Harbour. Emissions from waste incineration—including dioxins, NOx, and particulate matter—are known to have harmful environmental impacts. Given the ecological importance of the harbour and its surrounding areas, the development threatens local biodiversity, marine ecosystems, and overall environmental integrity.

2. Public Health Impacts

Numerous studies have demonstrated the negative health effects of living near incineration facilities, particularly related to respiratory illness and long-term exposure to fine particulates. The proximity of this site to residential communities, schools, and public amenities heightens the risk to public health. This is

inconsistent with the planning authority's responsibility to protect community wellbeing.

Our son young son is already struggling with asthma and building an incinerator so close to our house will only negatively impact his health.

3. Traffic and Infrastructure

The proposal will significantly increase heavy goods vehicle (HGV) traffic in the area, placing additional pressure on an already strained road network. Increased HGV movements raise concerns regarding road safety, air pollution, and noise levels for residents and businesses in the vicinity.

4. Impact on Amenity and Community Character

Cork Harbour is an important recreational and tourism asset for the region. There is already significant industrial infrastructure in Cork Harbor i.e. refinery. So the introduction of an incinerator would negatively affect its amenity value, undermining ongoing efforts to promote the harbour as a space for leisure, sailing, wildlife appreciation, and sustainable tourism.

We are avid sailors, and the quality of water and environment is very important to the longevity this sport in Cork Harbor.

5. Conflicts with Planning and Sustainability Policy

The proposed incinerator conflicts with national and local policies that prioritise waste reduction, recycling, and circular-economy development. The project risks locking the region into an outdated waste-management model rather than encouraging more sustainable alternatives.

The area has been zoned for education and research, the loss of this land to something like an incinerator goes directly against the original intention of the land.

For the reasons outlined above, we respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse planning permission for this development. The environmental, health, and community risks far outweigh any purported benefits.

Thank you for considering our submission.

Yours faithfully,

Emily O'Brien

David O'Brien

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