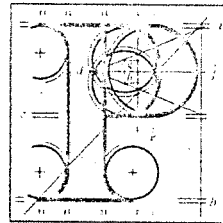


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**An
Coimisiún
Pleanála**

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Co. Cork

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.

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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Observation on SID Application Case Reference PA04.318802, Ringaskiddy, Co Cork

I wish to make the following observations regarding the proposed development of a resource recovery centre (including waste to energy facility) by Indaver NV t/a Indaver Ireland.

I am totally against planning being granted to Indaver Ireland based on the following grounds.

1. Wrong Location

I believe that the location is inappropriate as the site is known as a flood risk area. The access road regularly floods making the site isolated during storms and surge events. The proposed raising of ground levels does not solve tidal inundation, a rising water table, or coastal surge behaviour.

2. Conflict with Area's Current/Future Use

The zoning of the area has changed from when Indaver bought the site. The area is now zoned Educational in the Cork Country Development Plan 2022. The major public and private investment initiatives like the NMCI, MaREI campus, recreational areas like Paddy's Point and Haulbowline Park have transformed the character and use of the area.

The opportunities to capitalise on this amazing resource have been recognised in Board Failte's Development plan for Cork City and Harbour (DEDP). The plan outlines the opportunities to develop Cork Harbour as a world class visitor centre with marine tourism being a key pillar. This development is at total odds with the current and future direction for the harbour. It will be absolutely disgusting to have a large chimney stack belching out a constant plume of hot grey air 27/4. It will permanently alter the harbour's visual identity; tourism branding is fragile and once damaged cannot be restored.

3. Air Quality, Plume Behaviour, and Scientific Omissions

I am concerned with the impact on air quality and the impact to the health those living and visiting the area. Thermal inversions in Cork Harbour can trap emissions at ground level rather than allowing safe dispersion.

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.

The application claims the highest environmental and safety standards, yet excludes heat recovery, carbon modelling, PFAS/UEP analysis, updated flood data, and a compliant R₁. A proposal missing this many essentials cannot credibly claim high standards.

4. Waste-Policy and Capacity Contradictions

This project doesn't replace any of the current infrastructure used by the local industrial businesses to deal with their toxic waste—it simply adds a general waste incinerator.

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.

5. Climate and Carbon-Law Non-Compliance

Ireland is already over its carbon budget; this plant would lock in a large new stream of fossil emissions every year. The developer has provided no carbon-budget analysis, no ETS modelling, and no lifecycle GHG accounting, so compliance with the Climate Act cannot be demonstrated.

6. Credibility and Procedural History

Most worrying to me is that previous Bord Pleanála Inspectors found the EIS deficient in substance. Despite revisions, the updated EIS material continues to repeat earlier conclusions and provide assertions without evidence. This insufficiency was the basis for quashing the application in the High Court, the evidence was simply not there to support the application and assertions.

Please refuse the planning application based on all the reasons I have outlined above.

I wish to request an Oral Hearing to continue full public participation in this application.

Yours sincerely

Eve O'Mahony