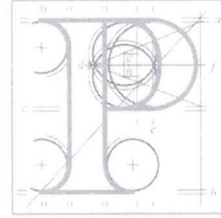


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Fáilte Ireland
c/o Yvonne Jackson
National Tourism Development Authority
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Date: 22 December 2025

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.

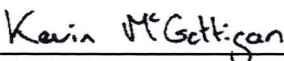
The Commission will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

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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Dear Secretary,

Fáilte Ireland would like to take the opportunity to make a submission to Case Reference: **PA04.318802** in relation to **Proposed development of a resource recovery centre (including waste-to-energy facility) by Indaver NV t/a Indaver Ireland, , Ringaskiddy, County Cork.**

The attached submission has been prepared by Fáilte Ireland, the National Tourism Development Authority.

I would be grateful if you could send a reply email acknowledging receipt of submission.

Regards,

Yvonne

Yvonne Jackson

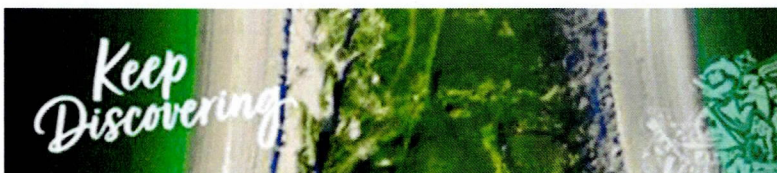
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14th November 2025

Submission - 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

A Chara,

I refer to the above application which is currently registered with An Coimisiún Pleanála on receipt of significant further information.

As a prescribed body in the planning process, one of the main objectives of Fáilte Ireland is to advocate for the protection of key tourism assets and amenities. The Irish landscape is one of the primary assets for tourism in the country and has been the cornerstone of international tourism marketing campaigns for decades. This is highlighted in the most recent 'Overseas Holidaymakers Attitudes' survey, that 91% of our overseas visitors want to experience Ireland's unique scenery. Therefore, as the Irish landscape is one of the primary reasons for visiting the country, it is essential that the quality, character and distinctiveness of this valuable resource is protected.

Within this submission we have outlined an overview of Cork Harbour, opportunities for the harbour from a tourism perspective as well as highlighting the economic value of tourism. We are also sharing the key strategic opportunities that have been identified in the Cork Destination Experience Development Plan 2023 - 2027 (DEDP).

Cork Harbour

The Harbour is vital for the sustainable future growth of the tourism economy in Cork City and East Cork. The River Lee provides an important geographical link between Cork City and the greater Harbour area. There is a significant Maritime story associated with this body of water in respect of heritage, commerce and culture. This story and these waters can be the catalyst to unlock the tourism potential of the area through the development of on water visitor experiences and activities and the provision of supporting services.

Cork Harbour is part of the Ireland's Ancient East regional brand, which was launched in 2015. Since the inception of the brand there has been significant investment in both Capital and other resources



to help build the region into a key national visitor destination. As a result, in 2019, tourism revenue in Ireland's Ancient East was worth €1.7bn to the regional economy supporting approximately 55,200 jobs. Over half (55%) of this revenue was generated by international visitors with the remaining 45% from Island of Ireland visitors. In 2024, Cork had 2,781,000 tourists/ trips of whom 1,800,000 were from overseas and 981,000 were from the Republic of Ireland. Their total spend (€mn) was 1,151,000, with €775 of this from overseas and €376 generated from domestic visitors.

Key performing Visitor Attractions in the harbour (Total Visitors 2024):

- Fota Wildlife Park: 428,745
- Fota Arboretum and Gardens: 141,283
- Titanic Experience: 110,000
- Spike Island: 71,400
- Cobh Heritage Centre: 56,744
- Camden Fort 20,000

There are also a number of activity providers in the harbour including, but not limited to:

- Cork Harbour Boat Hire
- Cork Harbour Cruise
- Ocean Escapes
- Sea Safari
- Cork City SUP
- Under the Bridges Kayaking Tour

Future Strategic Tourism Development Cork

A Regional Tourism Development Strategy (RTDS) - 2023-2027 has been developed for Ireland's Ancient East region and provides the strategic framework for other tourism development strategies, such as the Cork City, Harbour and East Cork Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP) that was launched in late 2024.

The Cork City, Harbour and East Cork DEDP is a five-year sustainable tourism development plan for Cork and identifies the key development opportunities in Cork. The actions identified in the DEDP will uniquely position Cork as a destination that can differentiate its visitor offering from other Irish destinations.

A number of projects have been identified as catalyst projects in how they link the various destination experiences, expand the range of things to do and see and encourage visitors to explore local communities. The delivery of these projects will collectively contribute to achieving the



transformational objectives of creating a Lee, City Harbour Way Experience Corridor and realising the tourism potential of Cork Harbour.

Lee, City, Harbour Way, Experience Corridors

The key objective is to develop an innovative trails approach linking land, water and cultural experiences to encourage visitors to explore more of the destination. The development of the Lee, City, Harbour Way as a visitor experience corridor will provide Cork with a mechanism to connect the entire destination and provide a logical visitor orientation approach featuring a 'west to east' and 'north to south' axis. It will provide a coherent trails development approach linking land, water and cultural experiences while building on the Greenway and Active Travel investment.

World Class Harbour

The objective is to develop Cork harbour into a world class visitor experience. Cork Harbour is Corks greatest natural asset. Over the centuries, it has represented the gateway to Cork and the gateway to the world. The eco-system of harbour islands, centuries of stories and maritime links to the city provide it with a real uniqueness. Each harbour island has significant tourism growth potential from the expansion of the Fota Island, growing visitor levels on Spike Island to developing Great Island and Cobh as a tourism town. Haulbowline, Crosshaven linked by the Lee, City, Harbour trail, and Camden Fort provide further opportunities to expand the product base across the harbour and become the focal point for Cork's maritime story. The opportunity to experience Cork Harbour will be delivered by linking the harbour islands, water access hubs and developing the experiences accessible in local communities. This includes linking trails and greenways with active travel investment and growing marine based activities through strategic harbour investment to support the growth in marine tourism activities and on water experiences. Fáilte Ireland in cooperation with Cork County Council, Cork City Council and Port of Cork Company has initiated a Tourism Masterplan for Cork harbour to define the potential in this regard.

Conclusion

Having regard to the above and the objective to develop Cork Harbour into a world class visitor experience, Fáilte Ireland respectfully request that the potential for impacts on the tourism, recreation and amenity value of Cork Harbour as a result of the proposed development be given due consideration in the determination of this planning application.

Yours Sincerely,

Shane Dineen, Environment & Planning Manager, Fáilte Ireland