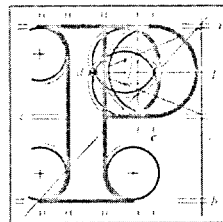


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An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Helen Carroll & Family
Belmont
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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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Subject: Formal Objection to Proposed Indaver Waste Management Facility – Ringaskiddy, Cork Harbour

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to lodge a formal objection to the proposed Indaver Ireland waste management facility at Ringaskiddy, Cork Harbour. I strongly oppose this development for several reasons related to public health, environmental protection, visual impact, and the long-term sustainability of the area.

1. Significant Public Health & Air Quality Concerns

This facility will release pollution, particulate matter, and potentially harmful gases into the atmosphere. These emissions pose a direct and long-term health risk, particularly to children and vulnerable groups. The communities surrounding Cork Harbour have a right to clean air, and introducing an incineration facility into a densely populated and growing area places unnecessary and unacceptable risk on present and future generations.

2. Incompatible with the Character and Natural Setting of Cork Harbour

Cork Harbour is a natural, scenic, and culturally significant area. Over recent years, substantial effort has gone into improving the harbour surroundings, including walking routes, recreational spaces, and environmental enhancement projects. Building a large industrial waste facility in this location completely undermines these improvements and is incompatible with the natural beauty, biodiversity, and intended recreational use of the harbour.

3. Negative Visual & Landscape Impact

The proposed structure will be highly visible from numerous towns and communities including Cobh, Crosshaven, Ringaskiddy, and other surrounding areas. The height and industrial design of the plant will create a permanent visual scar on the landscape. This is not a suitable site for a development of this scale, especially in an area with such strong tourism, heritage, and maritime identity.

4. Proximity to Schools, Colleges, and Community Institutions

There are multiple schools in Ringaskiddy, Shanbally, Carrigaline, Crosshaven, Cobh and neighbouring locations, all of which fall within the affected zone. Additionally, the site sits close to the National Maritime College of Ireland and other key educational and community facilities. Locating a waste-to-energy facility so near to educational centres contradicts good planning principles and raises fundamental concerns for community health and wellbeing.

5. Contrary to Recent Local Planning & Regeneration Efforts

The Ringaskiddy and Cork Harbour area has been actively working on improvements to public spaces, walking routes, and overall environmental quality. Communities, local groups and authorities have invested time and resources in enhancing the area for residents and visitors alike. Allowing this development to proceed would undermine these regeneration efforts and contradict the strategic vision for a cleaner, greener harbour.

6. Better Alternative Locations Exist

If such a facility is needed, alternative industrial zones—away from residential areas, natural amenities, and schools—should be considered. Locating it within a sensitive coastal and community environment is neither necessary nor appropriate.

7. Intergenerational Impact

This decision will have consequences that last far beyond the construction period. Approving a facility that introduces pollution into the harbour area will negatively affect children growing up today and future generations who will inherit the consequences of poor planning decisions.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that this application be refused.

The risks to public health, the environment, the visual landscape, local amenities, and the identity of Cork Harbour far outweigh any potential benefits claimed by the developer.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Helen Carroll & Family,

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