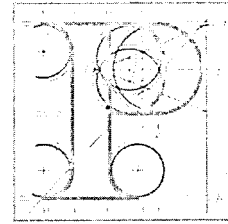


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An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Jaci Szymanski and Sonya Towler
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Date: 10 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
Proposed development of a resource recovery centre (including waste-to-energy facility)
by Indaver NV t/a Indaver Ireland

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PUBLIC OBSERVATION AND CONCERNS:

Even with the additional information provided in August 2025, the reality remains that this site is simply too small for the scale of the project being proposed. The usable area continues to shrink! Coastal erosion is eating away one side, while the M28 boundary has reduced it further on the other. The remaining space is completely inadequate for a development of this size. (Derek Daly, 2017)

All three Bord Pleanála Inspectors have already found that while the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) may have met formal requirements, it was lacking in real substance. The information given to the Board was not enough to properly carry out an environmental impact assessment or to make a fully informed decision. (Daly, 2017) Even after revisions, the updated EIS just repeats earlier points and continues to make claims without providing evidence.

There has also been no deo novo site selection in the 2025 material. Instead, the justification rests entirely on Indaver already owning the land. This ignores the huge public and private investments that have completely changed the character of the area since 2000. (Daly, 2017)

The site is also in a known flood risk zone, as clearly shown in Table 4.1.17 (*Specific Development Objectives for Ringaskiddy*) and on the OPW's floodinfo.ie website (Flood Summary IDs 1364, 13082, 12085). Raising the structure above flood levels, as proposed,

would only make its visual impact worse. We believe this site is completely unsuitable for a facility that processes and produces hazardous materials. (Oznur Yukel Finn, 2009)

While the wider Ringaskiddy area is zoned for industrial use, the specific Indaver site (RY-I-09) where the incinerator would be built is actually zoned for the expansion of the Third Level Education campus and for enterprise-related development, especially marine education, research, and innovation. (RY-I-09, Table 4.1.17: *Specific Development Objectives for Ringaskiddy, Cork County Development Plan 2022–2028*) This important zoning point was dismissed in the August 2025 submission, but it matters greatly. It supports ongoing investment in the NMCI and MaREI campuses and the future growth of this sector.

The proposed incinerator clearly goes against the *Cork County Development Plan* and the specific objectives for this area.

For all these reasons, we ask that this planning application be refused. The site has already been found unsuitable by three Bord Pleanála Inspectors (Jones 2004, Yukel Finn 2009, Daly 2017), and the proposal directly contradicts the zoning and vision for the area.

Finally, we would like to request an **Oral Hearing** so that full public participation can continue in this important matter.

We enclose 50 Euro.

Jaci Szymanski and Sonya Towler