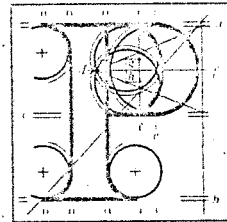


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An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

James O'Brien
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Date: 24 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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Re: PA04.318802, Ringaskiddy, Co Cork

To whom it may concern,

I wish to lodge a formal observation in relation to the proposed incinerator development at Ringaskiddy, Cork Harbour. I am strongly opposed to this application for the reasons outlined below.

First, it is deeply concerning that an incinerator is being considered in the present day, when national and international policies are focused on reducing emissions and avoiding the worst impacts of climate change. At the time of writing, Government representatives are attending global climate discussions aimed at decarbonisation and the creation of a sustainable future. It is therefore contradictory that there is a proposal to construct a facility that would burn waste, including waste that may be imported, in Cork Harbour. This runs counter to years of effort to build a greener and more sustainable society.

Second, the transport infrastructure required to service this facility is simply not capable of managing the increased traffic load. The Jack Lynch Tunnel, which would act as the key route for heavy goods vehicles transporting waste to Ringaskiddy, is already operating at capacity. Daily congestion demonstrates that the road network cannot absorb further pressure. In addition, the Port of Cork has not yet fully relocated from the northern side of the Jack Lynch Tunnel to its site in Ringaskiddy, which further increases existing transport demands. It is not credible to suggest that the volume of traffic associated with this development could be managed within the current transport system.

Third, Cork Harbour is known to experience thermal inversion events that can trap air close to the surface. This raises serious concerns about the potential for emissions that have not

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been completely combusted to remain within the harbour area. Local communities would be exposed to pollutants that could have detrimental effects on health and wellbeing. There is no adequate reassurance that the proposed plant can operate safely in these atmospheric conditions or that residents will not be adversely affected.

Fourth, recent planning and development strategies by Cork County Council and the Port of Cork emphasise the intention to develop Ringaskiddy as a centre for green energy and sustainable innovation. The construction of an incinerator is in direct contradiction to this vision. It undermines the planned image of the lower harbour as an area of environmental excellence and future focused maritime activity.

Finally, Cork Harbour holds an important place in Irish maritime history and remains a centre of national and international significance. The proposed site is less than one kilometre from Spike Island, an award winning heritage and tourism destination. It is also in close proximity to the Naval Service, the National Maritime College of Ireland, and other training and maritime facilities. The location of an incinerator within this unique and culturally important area is entirely inappropriate and inconsistent with long term plans for tourism, education and maritime development.

For all of the above reasons, I strongly object to the proposed incinerator at Ringaskiddy.

Yours faithfully

Yours sincerely,

James O'Brien