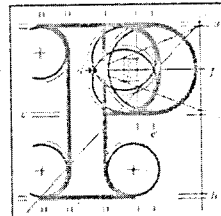


Our Case Number: ABP-318802-24



An
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Jill and Matt O Luasaigh
5 Upper Clevedon
Kilmoney
Carrigaline
Co. Cork

Date: 18 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,

Kevin McGettigan

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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

OBSERVER NAME

Jill & Matt O' LUASAIGH DATE 5/11/25

OBSERVER ADDRESS

5 UPPER CLEVEDON, KILMONEY
CARRIGALINE CORK

OBSERVATION DETAILS

Notwithstanding the information submitted in August 2025, the site is fundamentally too small for the project proposed and continues to reduce in size, with coastal erosion on one side and boundary reduced by M28 on the other. *It is considered that the actual usable area of the site is inadequate in relation to the scale of development proposed. (Derek Daly, 2017).*

By all 3 Bord Pleanala Inspectors, the **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** was found to be deficient in substance even where found legally adequate in form. *The information as submitted to the Board is therefore insufficient to enable the Board to carry out an environmental impact assessment in an appropriate manner, and to form a basis for an informed decision on the application. (Daly, 2017).* Despite revisions, the updated EIS still continues to be inadequate.

No site selection assessment has been done since 2001 despite the enormous change that has taken place in the area. It failed the W.H.O. site selection process then and certainly fails it now after 20 years. There is **no renewed site selection assessment** in the material submitted in 2025, but instead a justification based on site ownership by Indaver, with inadequate consideration given to major public and private investment initiatives that have *transformed the character of the immediate area in the intervening period since 2000. (Daly 2017).* The only qualification it has is that they own the site.

The site is in a flood risk area. Indaver plans to overcome this problem was to raise the entire area by 4m, which will be an eyesore for all who use this area for recreation. Mitigation measures to locate the facility at levels significantly above projected flooding levels would exacerbate the negative visual impact of the proposed large structure. It is my considered opinion that the site is inherently unsuitable for the location of a use that processes and generates hazardous compounds. (Oznur Yukel Finn, 2009)

Indavers submission ignores the fact that part of their site (RY-I-09) is now zoned for marine education and related enterprise and activities. That part of their site is no longer zoned for industry. The proposal is therefore in contravention of the County Development Plan.

Please refuse this planning application on the basis that the site is inherently unsuitable, as concluded by all 3 Bord Pleanala Inspectors (Jones 2004, Yukel Finn 2009, Daly 2017), and the proposal contravenes the zoning of the Cork County Development Plan 2022 - 2028 for this site.

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

I enclose fee of €50

I have already submitted in 2016 so have paid prior fee

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Objection to Proposed Incinerator at Cork Harbour

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5/11/2025

Re: Objection to Proposed Waste-to-Energy Facility at Cork Harbour
Planning Reference: PA04.318802

Dear Sir / Madam,

I wish to lodge a formal **objection** under the provisions of the Planning and Development Acts 2000–2023 in respect of the proposed waste incineration (waste-to-energy) facility at Ringaskiddy in Cork.

I am a resident living in close proximity to the proposed site and am deeply concerned about the serious and long-term consequences this development would have for public health, our young children, the environment, and the local community.

1. Public Health and Air Quality

The incineration of mixed waste inevitably produces harmful emissions, including dioxins, furans, heavy metals, and fine particulate matter (PM2.5 and PM10), which are known to have detrimental effects on respiratory and cardiovascular health. This proposal is inconsistent with Objective WS 8-1 of the Cork County Development Plan 2022–2028.

2. Environmental and Marine Impact

Cork Harbour is designated as both a Special Protection Area (SPA) and a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) under the EU Birds and Habitats Directives. The potential for airborne pollutants to settle into the harbour and surrounding ecosystems presents a significant environmental risk.

3. Traffic, Noise, and Community Impact

The development would result in a substantial increase in heavy goods vehicle (HGV) traffic to and from the site, leading to higher levels of congestion, noise, and emissions. Such impacts are contrary to Objective TM 1-1 of the Cork County Development Plan.

4. Climate and Policy Inconsistency

Ireland's Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy (2020–2025) and Climate Action Plan 2024 emphasise waste prevention, reuse, and recycling — not incineration. Building a large-scale incinerator in Cork Harbour undermines these policies by creating long-term dependence on waste combustion.

5. Visual and Tourism Impact

Cork Harbour is one of Ireland's most scenic and historically significant areas. The visual intrusion of a large industrial facility would degrade the character of the harbour and deter sustainable tourism and recreation.

Conclusion

For these reasons, I respectfully urge An Coimisiún Pleanála to refuse permission for the proposed incinerator at Cork Harbour. This project is not in the interests of the local community, public health, or Ireland's environmental and climate objectives.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours faithfully,
Jill and Matt O Luasaigh

