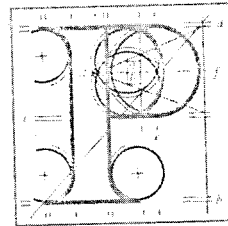


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Date: 09 December 2025

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. 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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Planning Objection – Ringaskiddy Incinerator (Indaver, Cork Harbour)

To: An Bord Pleanála

Re: Application by Indaver Ireland Ltd – Proposed Resource Recovery Centre, Ringaskiddy, Cork Harbour (Case Ref. PA04.318802)

From: John Adams, Coliemore The Artists House, 4 Rahilly Street, Cobh, P24HF90

1. Introduction

- Objecting based on planning, environmental, heritage, and public health grounds.
- The site is visually and historically significant, forming part of Cork Harbour’s cultural and natural landscape.
- Incorporates over 23 years of community concerns documented by CHASE.

2. Historical CHASE Objections

- 23-year campaign against the incinerator, highlighting repeated issues:
 - Health risks, including respiratory issues and perceived cancer clusters.
 - Environmental harm to Cork Harbour’s unique ecosystem.
 - Visual and heritage impacts, particularly on the Martello Tower and open harbour views.
- Judicial and planning actions:
 - 2001–2024: Planning refusals, appeals, judicial reviews, High Court rulings quashing permissions.
 - Tens of thousands of letters of objection submitted by residents.
 - CHASE consistently highlighted: cumulative emissions, risk of trapped pollutants in the harbour bowl, and impact on local amenity.

3. Landscape & Heritage Impact

- Site is the highest field in Cork Harbour, offering panoramic views. Industrial development would dominate this landscape.
- Martello Tower heritage site lies adjacent; the facility would dwarf it and destroy the visual relationship of tower and harbour.
- Impact on tourism, cultural identity, and heritage appreciation.

4. Air Quality & Public Health

- Cork Harbour's natural bowl traps emissions during low wind, increasing risk of ground-level pollution.
- Historical CHASE objections documented these concerns repeatedly.
- Local reports indicate higher rates of respiratory issues and cancer in communities like Cobh and Ringaskiddy. While not formally recognised as "Cork Harbour Syndrome," local medical opinion and perception underline a significant community concern.
- New application must be evaluated in light of cumulative pollution, not just emissions from this single facility.

5. Environmental and Policy Conflicts

The government levy on incineration should be at least equal to the land fill levy of €55 a tonne, currently I think the levy is only €10 which is favoring burning out waste. The government needs to change this and do everything in their power to favour a circular economy as recommended by the EU.

- National Planning Framework 2040: prioritises low-carbon, circular economy solutions.
- Cork County Development Plan 2022–2028: requires protection of landscape, heritage, and amenity.
- EU Waste Framework Directive: prioritises waste prevention and recycling over incineration.
- Climate Action & Low-Carbon Development Act 2021: requires alignment with carbon-reduction targets.
- Proposed facility conflicts with all above, locking the area into high-emission disposal.

6. New Information / Reasons to Object

- Updated scale and design of the 2025 application: the stack remains extremely tall, industrial footprint large.
- Proximity to Natura 2000 / SAC sites: new environmental assessments suggest increased risk to protected habitats.
- Cumulative impact: combined with other industry and infrastructure (M28, industrial port), local air quality and visual intrusion are worse than previous applications.

- Community consultation gaps: past CHASE objections show public engagement has been limited; new plans should undergo full and robust consultation.

7. Public Amenity & Community Impact

- Cork Harbour is a living cultural landscape, home to residents, visitors, artists, and tourists.
- Industrial development diminishes recreation, amenity, and the harbour's aesthetic and cultural value.
- CHASE objections emphasize the long-term social and environmental cost.

8. Conclusion & Request

- Combining historical objections, documented community concerns, new environmental risks, and heritage/landscape impacts, this proposal should be refused permission.
- Cork Harbour must remain a protected, sustainable, and publicly accessible landscape, not dominated by industrial waste processing.

Regards,
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