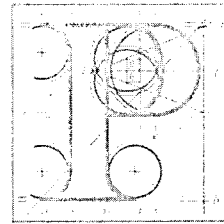


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An  
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John Baker  
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**Date:** 24 November 2025

**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](http://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

**Date:** 17/11/25

**OBSERVER NAME:** John Baker

**OBSERVER ADDRESS:** The Old Creamery, Dromclogh East, Mealagh Valley, Bantry, Co Cork P75  
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**OBSERVATION DETAILS:**

In 2001 I attended a meeting in Jury's Hotel in Cork City about this project. Since then I have watched repeated attempts by Indaver to override the will of the local community who have repeatedly opposed this project at great financial and personal cost.

I wish to honour the tenacity and persistence of those who led opposition to this project then some of whom are no longer with us and I also wish to pay my respects to those who were children or not even born when this project was first mooted and who are now playing their roles in protecting their community.

I also wish to express my dismay at the situation we currently find ourselves in. Since that first meeting nearly 25 years ago little to nothing has been done to deal with plastic waste, in Ireland or globally.

Our Strategic Infrastructure is not what we can build to make money, it is the soil, the water, the atmosphere and the biodiversity that we share this planet with.

Back in the early 2000s when faced with this project for the first time some local people put their money where their mouths were by planting native trees on the proposed incinerator site. Many of these are still growing there as far as I know.

At this late stage of the game when we talk of Strategic Infrastructure we should not be arguing about whether or not to build an incinerator we should be working on a circular economy, on projects and developments to safely reuse and recycle plastics that are already in existence, on ways to stop producing new plastic and on ways to heal and remediate soils and waters that have been contaminated by our misguided actions.

As far as I know we are doing next to none of these things, our primary concerns remain short term profits and this is to the extreme discredit of successive governments and all political parties.

Local and national opposition to this should have been a spur to find a better way of doing things. Indaver, with apparently bottomless pockets have simply come back again and again and again with more or less the same project. What is the reasoning behind this? I can come up with all sorts of hypotheses but I will probably never know. I suspect it is something to do with powerful vested interests having far too much influence in our political, economic and planning systems.

There are very deep questions need to be asked here.

If we are to survive as a viable species we need to urgently change our values system away from one where projects of this nature make sense.

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

I enclose fee of €50