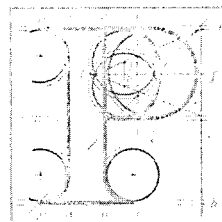


**Our Case Number:** ABP-318802-24

**Planning Authority Reference Number:**



An  
Coimisiún  
Pleanála

Judi Cronin  
Riverside  
Buncoille  
Monkstown  
Co. Cork

**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

OBSERVER NAME

Judi Cronin

DATE 17.11.25

OBSERVER ADDRESS

RIVERSIDE, BUNCOILLE,  
MONKSTOWN, CO. 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 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 material continues to repeat earlier conclusions and provide assertions without evidence.

There is no de novo site selection 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 which have transformed the character of the immediate area in the intervening period since 2000. *(Daly 2017)*

The site is located on a known flood risk area, marked as same in Table 4.1.17: Specific Development Objectives for Ringaskiddy, and on OPW floodinfo.ie, (Flood Summary ID-1364, 13082, 12085). *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 location of a use which processes, and generates hazardous compounds. (Oznur Yukel Finn, 2009)*

Notwithstanding the zoning of the greater Ringaskiddy area as industrial, the Indaver site area where the incinerator build is proposed (RY-I-09) is zoned as *suitable for the extension of the Third Level Educational campus and enterprise related development including marine related education, enterprise, research and development. (RY-I-09, Table 4.1.17: Specific Development Objectives for Ringaskiddy, Cork County Development Plan 2022 - 28)* This is dismissed in the August 2025 information but it is of critical importance that this zoning be upheld as it is directly linked to the investment in the NMCI and MaREI Campus areas and the potential for future growth of this sector. The proposed incinerator is therefore in direct contravention of the County Development Plan and contrary to the specified objectives for the immediate area.

Please refuse this planning application on the basis that the site is inherently unsuitable, 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 - 28 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

Additional pages attached (no of) 34

My name is Judi Cronin. My family have lived in Monkstown since the mid 1960's and still live there.

I am objecting to the incinerator on the following grounds

1. The location of the site is wrong, situated at the end of cul-de-sac, beside a much used beach. The road has recently been narrowed by the County Council to provide a cycle lane to access Gobby Beach and the Haulbowline Island Park. The site itself has been reduced in size from the original application, due to erosion on the harbour side and the compulsory purchase made by Cork County Council to facilitate the end of the M28 motorway into Ringaskiddy. The erosion will only get worse over the next few years due to climate change.
2. This site has been rezoned by the County Council from industrial to educational. Since the original planning application was lodged, the National Maritime College of Ireland has been built, the Beaufort Institute has also been built. The latter being a UCC funded Research Centre. Both less than a hundred metres from the proposed incinerator. Add to that our Naval Base is also less than a kilometre away.
3. The Government and Cork County Council have put millions of euros into developing the harbour area, cleaning it up after Irish Steel was closed. The harbour is now being marketed as a tourist destination, and also a place for the locals to use. The Haulbowline Island Park offers superb views of the harbour as well as being child and wheelchair friendly. A lot of money has also gone into restoring Fort Camden and Spike Island. Spike Island was named top European Tourist Attraction in recent years. All of these amenities are within a kilometre of the proposed site.
4. Living in Monkstown, we will be directly impacted by the fumes coming from the chimney stack. No Health Impact Assessment was conducted or required as part of the planning process. Cork Harbour is subject to regular thermal inversions which will cause pollutants to be released within the harbour area and beyond.

There does not seem to be any consideration given for the health of people living and working in the Harbour area. A substantial number of people have ongoing medical issues that will only worsen if they are

inhaling toxic particles on a daily basis. Ireland does not have a state body that monitors the health impact of people living near incinerators.

I am also part of the Local Heritage Group and attached are signatures for the public petition against the incinerator.

I urge An Coimisiun Pleanála to throw out this planning application, for the good of Cork Harbour and its people.

**OBSERVATION & N 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

**PUBLIC PETITION.** Conducted from November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 to November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

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Gay Elmes	Gay Elmes	Monkstown
MARY SWEENEY	M. Sweeney	ROCHESTOWN
Aune O'Fla	Aune O'Fla	Monkstown
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Allison Owens	Allison Owens	Cobh
MARY HOWARD	Mary Howard	PASSAGE WEST
MARY LEAHY	Mary Leahy	Rochestown
JUANITA MATTHEWS	Juanita Matthews	Passage West
Melany Mc CARTHY	Melany McCarthy	Passage West
CATHERINE CONNOR	C. Connor	Monkstown
LOISIN O'CALLAGHAN	Loisin O'Callaghan	Passage West
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Liam Kelly	Liam Kelly	PASSAGE WEST
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CATHERINE HEALY	Catherine Healy	Monkstown
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Ann Lyons	Glenbrook Passage West
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Amanda Greene	Passage West
Claire Power	Passage West
Willie O'Connell	Passage West
Paul Byrne	Monkstown
Glen Reed	Monkstown
Andy & Catherine	PASSAGE WEST
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