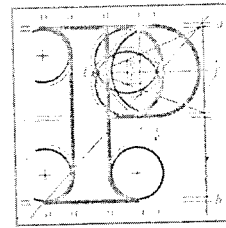


Our Case Number: ABP-318802-24

Planning Authority Reference Number:



An  
Coimisiún  
Pleanála

Julie McCarthy  
Ivy Lodge  
Warrens Court  
Ringaskiddy  
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 JULIE Mc CARTHY DATE 16/11/25  
OBSERVER ADDRESS "IVY LODGE", WARRENS COURT,  
RINGASKIDDY, 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 Pleanála 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 Pleanála 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

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I am opposed for the following reasons:

#### 1. Health and air quality

Incinerators release toxic gases and ultra-fine particles. We cannot put our health at risk and that of our children.

Cork harbour is known worldwide for sailing, cruise ships, kayaking, wildlife and heritage.

The application omits PFAS assessment and key pollutant monitoring. This is extremely concerning, considering our close proximity to the proposed site.

Claims of "safety" absolutely cannot stand when these pollutants are unmeasured. There has been intensive research that has proven that plumes from toxic waste incinerators cause significant pollution to water and food.

#### 2. Tourism and economic reputational damage

A news release from February 2024 notes that Failte Ireland is developing a "Cork Harbour Tourism Plan" to position Cork Harbour as a world-class tourism destination, the world's second largest natural harbour. What will happen to this plan if the incinerator is allowed?

A single industrial stack permanently alters the harbours visual identity.

#### 3. Climate and Carbon law non-compliance

Ireland is already over its carbon budget. Carbon record is indefensible.

Annual emissions of about 190,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> are excluded from any national carbon budget, violating Ireland's Climate Act 2021 and EU Regulation 2021/1119.

Electricity-only incineration of fossil plastics is higher-carbon than the future Irish grid and would displace cleaner renewable generation.

#### 4. A flawed process

The high court quashed the planning permission back in 2021 due to objective bias. The very same plan is now back again in 2025. Our community deserves a fair and transparent process – not the same fight on repeat.

#### 5. The wrong place

The site is unsafe and mis-zoned. It is currently zoned for marine enterprise and education, not industry.

Most importantly, Cork Harbour is a living space full of schools, homes, marine life and tourism.

*"This is the wrong project, in the wrong place, for the wrong future"*