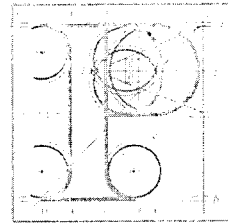


Our Case Number: ABP-318802-24

Planning Authority Reference Number:



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Laura Harte
Roughgrove
Bandon
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.

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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Laura Harte,
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17th November 2025

Re: Submission of Objection to the Proposed Indaver Incinerator, Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork

Planning Reference: Case Number: [ABP-318802-24](#). Coimisiun Pleanala case reference:
PA04.318802, Ringaskiddy, Co Cork.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I wish to make a formal submission of objection to the proposed waste-to-energy incinerator by Indaver in Ringaskiddy. I am an active member of the rowing community in Cork Harbour. My lived connection to the harbour as both an amenity and an environment forms the basis of this objection, alongside the detailed environmental, legal, and procedural concerns raised by CHASE (Cork Harbour Alliance for a Safe Environment), whose work I support and echo.

1. Environmental and Amenity Impact on Cork Harbour Users

As a rower, I spend multiple days each week training on the harbour. Any decline in the quality of the air or water directly affects us:

- Physical exertion while rowing significantly increases respiratory exposure to airborne pollutants.
- Emissions from incinerators — including particulates, heavy metals, and dioxins — pose heightened risk to those engaged in outdoor sports.
- Settlement of pollutants on water surfaces presents additional hazards for rowers, sailors, kayakers, and swimmers.
- Loughbeg Beach which is located adjacent to Gobby Beach has become a training centre and trial centre for teams from Rowing Ireland.

Cork Harbour is an amenity of national significance. The proposed development conflicts with its recognised recreational value, and would materially diminish the experience, safety, and environmental conditions for local sporting clubs.

2. Site Unsuitability — Concerns Highlighted by CHASE

CHASE has consistently documented that the Ringaskiddy site is unsuitable for an incinerator of any scale due to:

2.1 Flood Risk and Coastal Exposure

- The site is low-lying, vulnerable to storm surges, and subject to coastal flooding. This risk is incompatible with the storage and handling of hazardous materials, and increases the probability of environmental contamination.

2.2 Proximity to Homes, Schools, and Recreational Areas

- The site is adjacent to a dense cluster of communities including Passage West, Monkstown, Ringaskiddy, Cobh, and Carrigaline. International guidelines and best-practice planning principles discourage siting energy-from-waste facilities so close to population centres and coastal amenities.

2.3 Road and Infrastructure Constraints

CHASE has previously submitted that the single primary access road to the peninsula is inadequate for heavy industrial traffic, especially in emergency situations.

3. Public Health Concerns

CHASE's environmental submissions outline well-founded concerns regarding:

- Emissions of dioxins, furans, heavy metals, and ultrafine particulates.
- The cumulative impact of existing industrial activity in the lower harbour.
- The particular vulnerability of children and athletes to airborne pollutants.

Cork Harbour already hosts a concentration of high-risk industrial operations. Adding an incinerator intensifies this burden in a manner inconsistent with sustainable development, public health guidance, and the principles of the precautionary approach.

4. Impact on Heritage and Visual Amenity

The proposed facility would introduce a dominant industrial structure, including tall stacks, into one of the most historically rich maritime landscapes in Ireland.

This impact is incompatible with:

- The visual character of Cork Harbour
- The cultural and sporting heritage of Cork Harbour
- The natural setting of harbour regattas, rowing events, and community coastal use

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above I respectfully request that permission for this development be refused and an oral hearing takes place to ensure full public participation in the decision-making process.

Cork Harbour is an irreplaceable resource. As a rower and a member of this community, I strongly urge the planning authority to uphold the integrity, safety, and future of our harbour by rejecting the proposed incinerator.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours faithfully,

Laura Harte