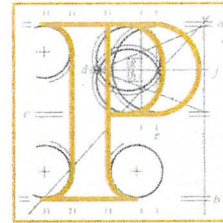


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An  
Coimisiún  
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Liam Fitzgerald  
17 Brightwater  
Crosshaven  
Co. Cork  
P43 TP02

**Date:** 25 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  
Executive Officer  
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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

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**Observer Name:** Liam Fitzgerald  
**Observer Address:** 17 Brightwater, Crosshaven, Co. Cork P43 TP02  
**Date:** 17 November 2025

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I write to express my strong and urgent objection to the proposed construction of a toxic waste incinerator by Indaver in Cork Harbour. This project poses a clear threat to public health and the economic vitality of a region renowned for its natural beauty and tourism.

Evidence from similar installations operated by Indaver across Europe, including in Belgium and the UK, raises major concerns. While Indaver claims to prioritize environmental safety, independent community groups and environmental advocates have repeatedly highlighted health risks associated with toxic waste incinerators, including elevated incidences of asthma, chronic bronchitis, and cardiovascular diseases linked to long-term exposure to pollutants such as dioxins and heavy metals released during incineration. A recent systematic review of municipal waste incinerators in the UK and EU found no conclusive evidence that modern, well-regulated incinerators cause significant health impacts. However, the same review acknowledged that some data indicated a slight increase in lung cancer mortality linked to emissions from such facilities, underscoring ongoing health concerns.<sup>[^1]</sup>  
<sup>[^2]</sup><sup>[^3]</sup>

Moreover, Cork Harbour is an internationally recognized area of outstanding natural beauty, heavily dependent on tourism economies centered around sailing, wildlife, heritage, and the idyllic coastal environment. The introduction of a toxic waste incinerator by Indaver would irreparably damage this "clean, green" image. Recent commentary from local stakeholders stresses that a waste burner presence in this already sensitive area could deter tourists, tarnish Cork's environmental reputation, and send a negative message to potential investors and visitors alike. The proposed €200 million facility with operational expectations by 2030 poses not only landscape disruption but potential risks of pollutant exposure that may decrease tourist inflows, thereby threatening the livelihood of those dependent on this sector.<sup>[^4]</sup><sup>[^5]</sup>

Given these concerns, it is irresponsible to proceed with such a project in Cork Harbour. The demonstrated potential for adverse health effects observed near other Indaver sites and the profound risk to an economically critical tourism industry demand that alternative, less harmful waste management solutions be urgently considered. Cork Harbour must be protected as a resource for health, environment, and sustainable economic prosperity.

I urge An Coimisiun Pleanála to reject the current proposal for the toxic waste incinerator in Cork Harbour and support waste management strategies that safeguard both human health and the unique natural heritage of this treasured region.

Yours sincerely,  
Liam Fitzgerald  
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