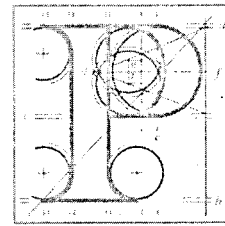


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**Planning Authority Reference Number:**



An  
Coimisiún  
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Lisa O'Sullivan  
Muckross  
Stawberry Hill  
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 / Objection – Ringaskiddy Incinerator (ABP Case 318802)

To: An Coimisiún Pleanála

Re: Application by Indaver NV for a Waste-to-Energy Facility, Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork (Case Ref. 318802)

From: Lisa O'Sullivan

Address: Muckross, Strawberry Hill, Monkstown, Co. Cork

Date: 16 November 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the proposed Ringaskiddy Waste-to-Energy / incinerator facility. I request that the following concerns be fully considered by the Commission.

#### 1. Adverse Health Impacts

I hold serious concerns about the potential health effects associated with locating an incinerator so close to densely populated residential areas, schools, and recreational amenities in the Cork Harbour area. Even with modern filtration systems, incinerators emit pollutants including fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>), nitrogen oxides, dioxins, heavy metals, and ultrafine particles that are difficult to fully capture or monitor.

The cumulative impacts of emissions, coastal wind patterns, and atmospheric conditions have not been sufficiently assessed. The precautionary principle should apply: where health risks cannot be confidently excluded, permission should not be granted.

#### 2. Impact on Cork Harbour's Landscape, Amenity & Natural Environment

Cork Harbour is one of Ireland's most important natural, cultural, and economic assets. The introduction of a large industrial incineration plant—complete with stack, significant building mass, and increased HGV traffic—would fundamentally alter the character and scenic quality of the harbour.

This proposal is incompatible with the long-term vision for Cork Harbour as a centre for recreation, education, maritime activity, and coastal living. Extensive recent investment in Cobh, Crosshaven, Monkstown, Haulbowline Park, and the new greenway network highlights the area's evolution into a vibrant coastal hub. An incinerator would undermine that progress and represents inappropriate development in a sensitive coastal zone prone to climate-related risks.

Concerns also remain about impacts on marine biodiversity, emissions deposition, and the insufficient assessment of environmental vulnerabilities in a coastal floodplain.

### 3. Negative Impact on Tourism & Economic Development

Cork Harbour has strong and growing potential as a tourism and leisure destination, particularly through cruise tourism in Cobh, maritime heritage, water-based activities, and its positioning within the wider Wild Atlantic Way experience.

An incinerator at the entrance to the harbour risks damaging the region's tourism appeal. Perception is critical: visitors and investors do not associate waste-to-energy plants with a clean, scenic coastal environment. The visual presence, industrial character, and local opposition associated with this project are likely to deter future tourism growth and private investment. This is inconsistent with national and local strategies promoting sustainable tourism, heritage protection, and blue-green economic development.

### 4. Availability of Better Alternatives

Ireland's national waste framework prioritises reduction, reuse, recycling, and circularity. Approving new long-term incineration capacity—particularly with a 30-year operational horizon—risks locking the region into a model that conflicts with contemporary environmental and climate priorities. More sustainable, forward-looking waste solutions should be encouraged.

### Conclusion

For the reasons outlined—potential adverse health impacts, degradation of Cork Harbour's landscape and amenity, and risks to tourism and long-term economic development—I respectfully request that An Comisiún Pleanála refuse permission for this proposed development.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours faithfully,

Lisa O'Sullivan

Muckross, Strawberry Hill

Monkstown, Co. Cork