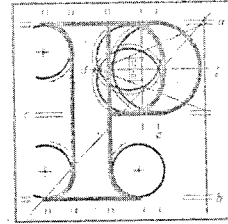


Our Case Number: ABP-318802-24

Planning Authority Reference Number:



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Maria Coen
196 Brightwater
Crosshaven
Co. Cork

Date: 20 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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Objection Letter

Re: Objection to Ringaskiddy Waste-to-Energy Incinerator

Case Reference: PA04-318802

To:

The Secretary
An Coimisiún Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
Dublin 1, D01 V902

Subject: Observation / Objection to Planning Application PA04-318802

Dear Sir / Madam,

I wish to formally object to the proposed Waste-to-Energy Incinerator in Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork (Case Ref: PA04-318802). I set out my reasons below:

1. Health & Air Quality Risks

The development would add significant emissions, including fine particulates (PM2.5), NOx, and other pollutants, which pose well-established risks to public health. The surrounding communities include schools, colleges, and vulnerable people who would be directly impacted.

2. Unsuitable and Hazardous Location

Ringaskiddy is located at the end of a peninsula with only one primary access route. This makes it an inherently unsuitable site for a major hazardous facility. The limited access creates serious concerns regarding evacuation and emergency response.

3. Emergency & Safety Concerns

In the event of an accident, spill, or fire, evacuation routes are extremely restricted. The proximity to the National Maritime College, pharmaceutical industries, residential areas, and busy harbour facilities heightens overall risk.

4. Impact on Cork Harbour Environment

The proposed incinerator would threaten Cork Harbour's ecological, recreational, and amenity value. The harbour is a sensitive environment supporting wildlife and tourism; industrial emissions and visual intrusion would undermine its character and long-term potential.

5. Conflicts with Ireland's Waste & Climate Policy

National policy prioritises waste reduction, recycling, and a circular economy. A large incinerator locks the region into long-term waste-burning dependency, discourages recycling, and contradicts climate goals.

6. Traffic and Infrastructure Burden

The facility would create a major increase in heavy truck movements, worsening congestion and road safety in Ringaskiddy and surrounding communities. Existing infrastructure is already under pressure.

7. Visual & Residential Amenity Impact

The proposed structure, including its tall stack, would have a significant visual impact on the harbour landscape. This would diminish local amenity, residential enjoyment, and the character of the area.

8. Unfair Cumulative Industrial Load

Ringaskiddy already hosts multiple large industrial facilities. Adding another hazardous installation creates an excessive cumulative burden on one community and undermines balanced regional planning.

9. Impact on Property Values & Quality of Life

Such a development is likely to depress property values and reduce the attractiveness of the area for families, workers, and future investment.

Conclusion

For these reasons, I respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála refuse permission for this development.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours faithfully,

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14.11.2025