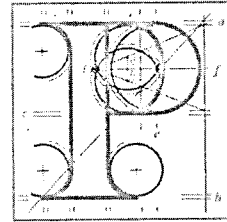


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**An
Coimisiún
Pleanála**

Mary Lawless
Fennells Bay
Myrtleville
Co. Cork

Date: 18 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 to Proposed Waste Incineration Facility at Ringaskiddy, Cork Harbour

I wish to formally object to the proposed waste incineration facility at Ringaskiddy, Cork Harbour. My name is Mary Lawless, and my family has been part of this community since the 1940s.

Like many families in Crosshaven and the surrounding bays, our roots here are deep. We have watched the harbour change - sometimes for the better, often for the worse. Industry has already taken a heavy toll on this once-unspoiled coastline. Each new development brings promises of "strict oversight" and "minimal impact," yet over time the cumulative effect has been clear: poorer air quality, disrupted wildlife, and a landscape steadily eroded by short-term industrial priorities. **The cheapest solution may serve investors, but it does not serve the people who live here.**

An incinerator at Ringaskiddy would permanently alter the character and health of Cork Harbour. It poses serious risks to public health through the release of toxic emissions and fine particulates; it would increase heavy-goods traffic on narrow rural roads already under strain; and it would add to the environmental burden of an area that has long since reached its sustainable industrial capacity. The prevailing winds in Cork Harbour frequently blow inland, directly exposing us to long-term health risks in direct contradiction of Ireland's clean-air commitments and the EU Ambient Air Quality Directive.

We are not opposed to progress - we are opposed to unnecessary risk taken for marginal profit. There are cleaner, more modern waste-management strategies available that do not involve burning waste beside our homes, our beaches, and our schools. Adding another high-emission operation would lock the region into an outdated waste model for decades, in defiance of national circular-economy goals and the EU waste-hierarchy policy. It would also contradict both the **National Planning Framework** and the **Climate Action Plan 2024**, which call for the reduction of industrial emissions in coastal and residential zones.

Cork Harbour is one of Ireland's greatest natural assets. It deserves protection, not another industrial scar. I ask that you reject this application once again, in the interests of public health, environmental responsibility, and the generations who will inherit this coastline long after today's companies have moved on.

Sincerely,

Mary Lawless
Fennells Bay, Myrtleville, Co. Cork