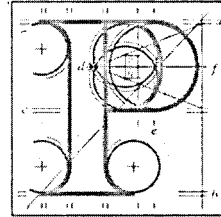


**Our Case Number:** ABP-318802-24



**An  
Coimisiún  
Pleanála**

Michael Murphy and Others  
3 Alta Terrace  
Monkstown  
Co. Cork

**Date:** 12 December 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.

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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**From:** Noreen Murphy <noreenmurph22@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday 9 November 2025 19:29

**To:** LAPS <laps@pleanala.ie>

**Cc:** Noreen Murphy <noreenmurph22@gmail.com>; Michael Murphy <mlmurphy076@gmail.com>

**Subject:** Case Reference: PA04.318802, Indaver Ireland, Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork.

**Caution:** This is an **External Email** and may have malicious content. Please take care when clicking links or opening attachments. When in doubt, contact the ICT Helpdesk.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please see attached observation letter from Michael and Noreen Murphy, 3 Alta Terrace, Monkstown, Co. Cork in regard to planning application PA04.318802 submitted by Indaver Ireland for a proposed development of a resource centre at Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork.

Kindly confirm receipt and note our grave concerns in relation to this application.

Kind regards,

Michael and Noreen Murphy.

NB. There are three attachments.

3 Alta Terrace,

**Monkstown,**

Co. Cork.

7<sup>th</sup> November, 2025

An Coimisiun Pleanala,

64 Marborough Street,

Dublin 1.

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**Re: Observation on SID Application – Case reference: PA04.318802, Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork.**

Dear Sirs,

We are writing to formally submit our observations/objection to the planning application PA04.318802 submitted by Indaver Ireland for a proposed development of a resource centre (including waste-to-energy facility) at Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork. We have serious concerns regarding the impact this proposed development which highlights zoning conflicts, environmental and health risks, and planning history.

### **1. Zoning Conflict with Cork County Development Plan 2022–2028**

- The proposed site (RY-1-09) is **not zoned for industrial use** under the current County Development Plan.
- **Table 4.1.17** of the Development Plan designates this land for:
  - *Extension of third-level educational campus.*
  - *Marine-related education, enterprise, research and development.*
- The proposal is in **direct contravention** of this zoning and therefore **incompatible with the strategic objectives** for Ringaskiddy.

### **2. Proximity to Sensitive Institutions**

- The **National Maritime College of Ireland** is located **210 metres** from the site boundary.
- The site is adjacent to the **ESPA protection area**, raising concerns for both environmental and educational impacts.

### 3. Air Quality and Health Concerns

- The proposed incinerator includes a **75-metre stack**, which would emit a **visible plume** over the Ringaskiddy peninsula.
- **Cork Harbour's bowl-like topography** means emissions could settle over surrounding areas, increasing exposure.
- **No active air monitoring stations** are currently functioning in Cork, leaving public health **unprotected and unmonitored**.
- Emissions may include **dioxins and other harmful pollutants**, which are known to pose **serious health risks**, especially to vulnerable populations.

### 4. Flood Risk and Site Unsuitability

- The site is located in a **known flood risk area**, identified in:
  - **Table 4.1.17** of the County Development Plan
  - **OPW Floodinfo.ie** under IDs: 1364, 13082, 12085
- Development in such zones is **inherently unsuitable**, especially for hazardous infrastructure.

### 5. Planning History and Precedent

- **Three separate Bord Pleanála Inspectors** (2004, 2009, 2017) previously concluded the site was **unsuitable** for this type of development.
- The current proposal **ignores these expert assessments**, undermining the integrity of the planning process.

### 6. Conclusion and Request

Given the above points:

- The proposal **violates the Cork County Development Plan 2022–2028**.
- It poses **significant risks to public health, education, and the environment**.
- It is located in a **flood-prone and strategically misaligned zone**.
- It has been **rejected by planning inspectors on multiple occasions**.

**We respectfully request that this application be refused.** The site is fundamentally inappropriate for a waste-to-energy facility and contradicts both planning policy and public interest.

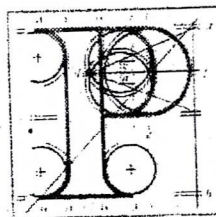
We also wish to **request** an **Oral Hearing** to continue full public participation in this application.

Kindly note we already submitted an observation letter in 2016, so have paid prior fee. Copy of An Bord Pleanála letter sent by you to this address dated 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 is attached.

Yours sincerely,

**Michael and Noreen Murphy**

Our Case Number: ABP-318802-24



An  
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Indaver Ireland Ltd.  
Unit 11  
South Ring Business Park  
Kinsale Road  
Co. Cork  
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Date: 25 September 2025

Re: Proposed development of a resource recovery centre (including waste-to-energy facility) in Ringaskiddy, County Cork.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I refer to the additional information received by the Commission in relation to the likely effects on the environment of the above-mentioned proposed development. Please be advised that the Commission considers that this additional information contains significant additional data in relation to the effects on the environment of the proposed development and it therefore requires you in accordance with section 2(b) of 37F of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, to:

- (a) publish in one or more newspapers circulating in the area in which the proposed development would take place a notice stating that significant additional information in relation to the said effects has been furnished to the Commission, that the additional information will be available, for inspection or for purchase (upon payment of a specified fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy), at a specified place and at specified times during a specified period, and that submissions or observations in relation to the additional information may be made in writing to the Commission before a specified date (which shall not be less than 30 days), and update the stand-alone website stating that the additional information can be downloaded, and
- (b) send notice of the furnishing to the Commission of significant additional information and a copy of the additional information, to the planning authority and to the prescribed bodies stating that submissions or observations in relation to the additional information may be made in writing to the Commission before a specified date (which shall not be less than 30 days).

Having regard to the above a sample public notice is enclosed for your convenience. You are requested to revert to the Commission with a draft public notice prior to publication, for approval.

The Commission requires that, in relation to the above, you place on the dedicated website an identical copy of the significant information as submitted to the Commission. This should be clearly identified as the significant additional information which was submitted to the Commission on the **29<sup>th</sup> August 2025**.

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In respect of (a) above the notices should be published in the same newspapers in which notices of the original application was advertised and the additional information should be made available for inspection or purchase at the same locations at which the original application documentation was available. The Commission would also request that site notices be erected in this regard.

You should submit the relevant newspaper notices and a copy of any site notices issued under (b) above to the Commission as soon as same are available.

Your response to this letter should be received not later than **5.30 p.m. on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025**.

Finally, please ensure that the relevant planning authority, Cork County Council, is furnished with a sufficient number of copies of the significant additional information as they will also be required to provide the said information for public inspection.

Please be advised that the Commission will forward to you a copy of any submission(s) received in relation to significant information.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter, 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,

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