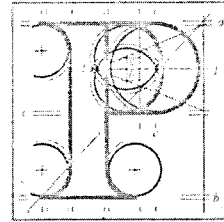


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**An  
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**Date:** 26 November 2025

**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,

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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

OBSERVER NAME

MICHELE BOYLE / KEVIN FEENEY DATE 11/11/25

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#### OBSERVATION DETAILS

Notwithstanding the information submitted in August 2025, the site is fundamentally too small for the project proposed and continues to reduce in size, with coastal erosion on one side and boundary reduced by M28 on the other. It is considered that the actual usable area of the site is inadequate in relation to the scale of development proposed. (Derek Daly, 2017).

By all 3 Bord Pleanála Inspectors, the EIS was found to be deficient in substance even where found legally adequate in form. The information as submitted to the Board is therefore insufficient to enable the Board to carry out an environmental impact assessment in an appropriate manner, and to form a basis for an informed decision on the application. (Daly, 2017). Despite revisions, the updated EIS material continues to repeat earlier conclusions and provide assertions without evidence.

There is no de novo site selection in the material submitted in 2025, but instead a justification based on site ownership by Indaver, with inadequate consideration given to major public and private investment initiatives which have transformed the character of the immediate area in the intervening period since 2000. (Daly 2017)

The site is located on a known flood risk area, marked as same in Table 4.1.17: Specific Development Objectives for Ringaskiddy, and on OPW floodinfo.ie, (Flood Summary ID-1364, 13082, 12085). Mitigation measures to locate the facility at levels significantly above projected flooding levels would exacerbate the negative visual impact of the proposed large structure. It is my considered opinion that the site is inherently unsuitable for location of a use which processes, and generates hazardous compounds. (Oznur Yukel Finn, 2009)

Notwithstanding the zoning of the greater Ringaskiddy area as industrial, the Indaver site area where the incinerator build is proposed (RY-I-09) is zoned as suitable for the extension of the Third Level Educational campus and enterprise related development including marine related education, enterprise, research and development. (RY-I-09, Table 4.1.17: Specific Development Objectives for Ringaskiddy, Cork County Development Plan 2022 - 28) This is dismissed in the August 2025 information but it is of critical importance that this zoning be upheld as it is directly linked to the investment in the NMCI and MaREI Campus areas and the potential for future growth of this sector. The proposed incinerator is therefore in direct contravention of the County Development Plan and contrary to the specified objectives for the immediate area.

Please refuse this planning application on the basis that the site is inherently unsuitable, concluded by all 3 Bord Pleanála Inspectors (Jones 2004, Yukel Finn 2009, Daly 2017) and the proposal contravenes the zoning of the Cork County Development Plan 2022 - 28 for this site.

I wish to request an Oral Hearing to continue full public participation in this application.

I enclose fee of €50

I have already submitted in 2016 so have paid prior fee

Additional pages attached (no of)

Additional Page to Observation on SID Application  
Case Reference: PA04.318802, Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork  
Proposed development of a resource recovery centre (including waste-to-energy facility)

It has to be asked, why does No not mean No? And why did Indaver get more than a year to update its planning application, while the public gets 6 weeks to review 4,000 documents? And is An Coimisiun Pleanala even capable of making an unbiased decision on this? The spectre of Conall Boland and the decisions of the previously named An Bord Pleanala, against the recommendations of their own planning inspectors, loom large.

Ringaskiddy and the surrounding area is not the same place it was in 2016. E64,000,000 has been spent on the area and the result is a place of beauty, full of public amenities enjoyed by the people of the entire harbour area. The proposed site has now been zoned educational. This alone should render this application null and void.

We are much more knowledgeable now about the dangers of fine particulates in the air. Incineration does not eliminate waste, it just transforms it. It can produce energy and reduce landfill use, but it requires advanced pollution control to manage toxic emissions and it creates hazardous ash that must still be landfilled. Dioxins can enter the food chain, affecting our agri-food industry. Belgium's 1999 crisis cost E465,000,000.

Why was no Health Impact Assessment been conducted or required by An Bord Pleanala? And why should a Belgian company, trying to recoup costs, and who does not care about our environment, nor our climate targets, be allowed to IMPORT WASTE from other countries in order to make a profit? At what price the endangerment of our children and our grandchildren? And it should be noted that two EPA air monitors in the local area, Carrigaline and Port of Cork, Ringaskiddy are currently not working. Carrigaline has not posted data SINCE OCTOBER 5, 2023, two years ago. And Port of Cork Ringaskiddy since October 25th. So we have NO CONFIDENCE in the EPA to monitor the air quality locally. No state body currently monitors health impacts near incinerators.

Ringaskiddy and indeed the entire Cork Harbour area has a bowl shape and is prone to thermal inversions. The WHO has stated that incinerators should not be sited in such areas.

Emergency evacuation of the area in the event of an accident, including from the National Maritime College, The Beaufort Institute, the Irish Defence Forces, the 15,000 residents of the area, and from the island of Cobh (where the single exit for residents is over a humped back bridge), has not been considered. Indaver has had such accidents in its plants in the past; 2017 - Poolbeg (11 workers hospitalised ); 2016 and 2018 - explosions at Antwerp plant; 2025 - fire in Doel, Belgium. There have been at least 5 fires at other incinerator plants in Europe since 2017.

Do we need another incinerator? The EC advised a moratorium on the technology in 2017, in favour of waste prevention, reuse and recycling. Our own national policy on waste prioritises waste prevention, reuse and recycling. Incineration is linear, not circular, in terms of waste management. And it IS NOT CLEAN. (The irony was not lost on us at a local meeting in Ringaskiddy recently, that our Taoiseach and local resident, Micheal Martin, was attending COP30 on the same night).

In conclusion, the evidence is overwhelming against incineration, and in particular, against the siting of an incinerator in Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork. We believe that a dysfunctional planning system and a dysfunctional waste management system should not be allowed to endanger the health and well being of our local communities.

Once again, we request an Oral Hearing to continue full public participation in this application.

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