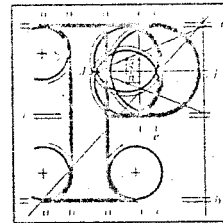


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**An  
Coimisiún  
Pleanála**

Nature Network Ireland  
c/o Gill Weyman  
An Sibin  
Ballinvoher  
Castelownroche  
Co. Cork

**Date:** 19 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,

*Lauren Griffin*

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OBSERVATION ON SIDAPPLICATION - Case reference: 318802, Ringaskiddy Co. Cork Proposed development of a resource recovery centre (including waste-to-energy facility) by Indaver NV t/a Indaver Ireland

From Nature Network Ireland DATE 14th November 2025

OBSERVER NAME: Gill Weyman, Nature Network Ireland

OBSERVER ADDRESS: An Sibin, Ballinvoher, Castletownroche, Cork

#### OBSERVATION DETAILS

Nature Network Ireland would like to raise that "Removal of scrub land and immature woodland to develop the site".

This area is of conservation value. The Environmental report suggests that an alternative scrub area will be offered. This is not clear about the amount of land, if it equals what is being removed. The removal of this land will reduce the amount of carbon available and not be in line with national climate change policies. There is also no mention of replacing the woodland.

The development will increase traffic during and after construction hence resulting in an increase in emissions. The closeness of the SPA in Cork Harbour, a sensitive habitat, will be impacted by noise, environmental quality and measures taken to reduce impact not adequate.

The scrub area will provide invaluable feeding, and increased disturbance will impact on bat species. The report has not noted this. There are also otter records in the area, which have been documented in our 2022/2023 survey and have not been recognised in the report; therefore, we do not feel the otter populations have been adequately researched by the consultants.

Notwithstanding the information submitted in August 2025, the site is too small for the project proposed. *It is considered that the actual usable area of the site is inadequate in relation to the scale of development proposed.* (Derek Daly, 2017).

The proposed site is located in a known flood risk area, marked as the same in Table 4.1.17:

Specific Development Objectives for Ringaskiddy, and on OPW floodinfo.ie

Summary ID-1364, 13082,12085). Quote "*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's my considered opinion that the site is inherently unsuitable for the location of a use which processes and generates hazardous compounds*". (Oznur Yukel Finn, 2009)

Please refuse this planning application on the basis that the site is inherently unsuitable, as given by all 3 Bord Pleanala Inspectors (Jones 2004, Yukel Finn 2009, Daly 2017), and the proposal contravenes the zoning of the Coric County Development Plan 2022 - 28 for this site. The Environmental report is inadequate in terms of reporting of mammals, and does not consider the value of current biodiversity as climate action measures.