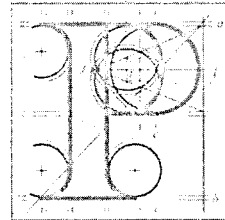


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An  
Coimisiún  
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**Date:** 26 November 2025

**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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Though domicile in Australia I am a frequent visitor to Monkstown in Co Cork where I have relatives who are longtime residents. I have for many years marvelled at the wonderful pristine environment enjoyed by visitors and the lucky permanent residents of the area. On my many visits I have travelled extensively around this part of Co Cork soaking in the myriad picturesque views on offer. The idea, let alone a plan to place a 240,000-tonne incinerator in an area of natural beauty is in my opinion grievously misguided. After reviewing the literature, my main opposition stems from concerns about the visible impact of toxic smoke on natural beauty and even more importantly, the documented risks it poses to public health. Even acknowledging that not all natural beauty can be preserved, this proposal fails in many ways beyond just protecting the landscape. I acknowledge the site is zoned for industry but, in this case the nature of the development is such that the impacts are much wider and severe than what would have been intended in the original zoning decision. Derek Daly - the senior planning inspector makes an excellent point when he states that "While the Environmental Impact Statement is legally adequate, there is, however a requirement that the process of Environmental Impact Assessment be robust." Adequate does not cut it when all the impacts are considered. It becomes clear from reading the inspector's report that if the proposed development was seriously flawed in 2000 from an environmental and health perspective it is even more so today when you consider recent development in the Ringaskiddy Peninsula which include major public and private investment initiatives. I am not an expert on large incinerators, so I rely on reading submissions from both Indaver and opponents to make a common-sense assessment. Putting emotional considerations based on an attachment with the area aside, I am satisfied that the community opposition to this development has been meticulously researched and that a solid case for rejection has been presented both in the current and previous submissions. I am also swayed by two similar issues closer to home in Australia. A facility was proposed for Eastern Creek in Sydney in 2018, however, the Independent Planning Commission blocked the proposal due to health concerns. Also, in Parkes NSW residents have hit out at plans for a waste incinerator in the town due to older technology's links to cancer clusters and birth defects. The \$1.5 billion Parkes Energy Recovery facility would have the capacity to process 600,000 tonnes of waste per year. Having again, read the submissions relating to the Australian proposals which are predominately concerned with health issues rather than spoilation of scenic beauty I am convinced that the health and environmental impacts of these facilities are far from been adequately addressed. The supporters of this technology have vigorously stressed the benefits of reducing land fill and providing cheap energy. However, when you weight the potential cost in damage to the environment and the health of the exposed population, these so-called benefits dwindle in value.

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Please, NO incinerator for Ringaskiddy.

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