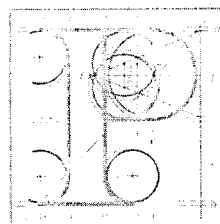


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An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Padraigin O Donoghue
Thorncliffe
Monkstown
Co. Cork

Date: 24 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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Proposed Incinerator at Ringaskiddy, Co Cork.

17/11/2025

Thornccliffe,

Monkstown,

Co. Cork.

Dear Madam/ Sir,

I wish to object to the proposed incinerator at Ringaskiddy, Co Cork, for a variety of reasons.

The dominant prevailing winds in Co Cork are South Westerly and every emission including poisonous dioxins from the incinerator will disperse over densely populated conurbations along the harbour, in Cobh and in Cork city, threatening health problems for residents.

Many of the pharmaceutical and other factories around the harbour are already operating incineration on site. The cumulative potentially damaging effects on health already exist without allowing this to increase profoundly with an incinerator

cWhy are alternative means of waste management not being considered if other jurisdictions like Denmark are moving away from incineration to more environmentally less damaging processes?

Traffic flow into and out of and along the perimeter of Cork : coming in from Fermoy direction, coming in from Little Island, coming from the Western side via Kinsale Road or the city and coming from the Southern side of Carrigaline, Rochestown and Ringaskiddy are regularly and unpredictably locked down in traffic gridlock both at peak times and also in the times in between. This is rendering city traffic impossible at times.

The addition of traffic to and from the proposed incinerator will exacerbate this significantly – irrespective of the proposed new road to the Port of Cork. Why? All of the traffic from this new proposed road from The Port of Cork will enter the South Link Road and may also enter the tunnel.

(It is already known that traffic from the Port of Cork will increase exponentially when the proposed road from the Port of Cork opens in 2028 – again furthering traffic paralysis through the Jack Lynch tunnel and along the South Link Road with known knock-on effects across traffic movement.

How can incinerator traffic be even countenanced as feasible?)

The Jack Lynch Tunnel no longer meets the needs of road users in Cork.

There is currently no proposal for a bridge across the river Lee nor is there a proposal for a second tunnel.

The access to the site in the event of fire or accident can not be considered open within the present traffic flow conditions

The scenic tourist attraction of Cork Harbour will be significantly affected by the proposed incinerator due to its proximity to the social amenity site in the former Irish Steel Site, enjoyed by many for the aesthetic and health benefits of a beauty spot in the harbour. .

I hope these considerations will be considered.

Sincerely,

Padraigin O Donoghue

Cork Harbour resident