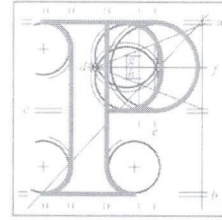


**Our Case Number:** ABP-318802-24



An  
Coimisiún  
Pleanála

Paul Nash  
Casa Orion (formely Teach Nua)  
Ballyhoe, Residences  
Cobh  
Co. Cork

**Date:** 30 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.

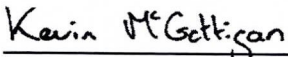
The Commission will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

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  
Executive Officer  
Direct Line: 01-8737263

PA04

Teil (01) 858 8100  
Glaó Áitiúil 1800 275 175  
Facs (01) 872 2684  
Láithreán Gréasáin [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie)  
Ríomhphost [communications@pleanala.ie](mailto:communications@pleanala.ie)

Tel (01) 858 8100  
LoCall 1800 275 175  
Fax (01) 872 2684  
Website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie)  
Email [communications@pleanala.ie](mailto:communications@pleanala.ie)

64 Sráid Maoilbhríde 64 Marlborough Street  
Baile Átha Cliath 1 Dublin 1  
D01 V902 D01 V902

**From:** Paul Nash <Paul.Nash@mtu.ie>  
**Sent:** Friday 7 November 2025 15:30  
**To:** Kevin McGettigan <k.mcgettigan@pleanala.ie>  
**Subject:** ABP -318802-24 formerly PA0045

**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 Mr McGettigan,

Please find attached my submission, I had previously submitted so understand I do not need to pay again.

Thank you for your time have a lovely weekend  
Paul Nash

Any email from Munster Technological University, or any email attachments, may contain confidential or privileged information and is intended solely for the addressee. If you are not the intended recipient or have received this email in error, please delete it immediately and contact the sender.

Any unauthorised use (including disclosure, publication, copying or distribution) of the email or its attachments is prohibited. Any views given in this message are the sender's own and do not necessarily represent the views of Munster Technological University.

Records, including emails held by Munster Technological University may be the subject of requests under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and/or the Data Protection Act 2018 and may be accessed (subject to certain exemptions).

Paul Nash  
Casa Orion (formerly Teach Nua)  
Ballynoe, Residences  
Cobh  
County Cork

5<sup>th</sup> November, 2025.

An Coimisiun Pleanála,  
64 Marlborough Street,  
Dublin 1.

**RE: PL04.PA0045 – Waste to Energy Facility at Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork**

To whom it may concern,

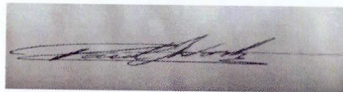
We, the undersigned, strongly object to the proposed waste to energy facility at Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork.

- At the previous oral hearing the air core had concerns with the flight path on certain wind conditions, Indaver offered to shut it down in these events, you may be aware you cannot just be stopped or shut down at short notice, it is furnace . It takes a considerable amount of time for this to happen.
- The R-Number used to measure efficiency of the plant, makes it less efficient than a coal burning power station.
- Soil sample data was falsified using cut and paste from the Meath plant. Have there been new samples taken and analysed.
- The flood Defence proposed, is not sufficient for storm surges and projected rise in sea levels.
- Inadequate studies have been carried out on air flow since the new wind turbine has been fitted.
- Toxic ash approximately 100,000 tons per annum which can be as high as between 30-50 percent, of the total waste burnt, will then be transported by road to Carrigfergus, Northern Ireland and Germany for processing, this is a quote from “John Ahern Indaver in 2016”, this location makes no sense.
- The facility will produce over 1 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per annum, this will no doubt incur emissions breaches from EU and fines accordingly.
- The United States have banned this type of incinerators.
- Countries in Europe have almost completely stopped recycling when these incinerators have been installed.
- The proposed waste to energy plant is utterly incompatible with the nature of residential, educational, heritage and recreational development in Cork’s Lower Harbour. The National Maritime college and UCC campuses are 30 meters across the road with hundreds of students and staff attending daily.
- It would be a travesty to permit the proposed waste to energy plant in the middle of a growing flagship university campus and centre of research excellence.
- International guidelines from the World Health Organisation indicate that the site in Ringaskiddy is unsuitable.

- The site of the proposed development is at the end of a cul de sac with only one way in and one way out in the event of an accident. This is unsafe in emergencies.
- The Irish Doctors Medical association, European Environmental agency and World Health organisation have grave concerns for the people's health within 50 km of these incinerators. Health studies indicate that emissions, both direct and indirect, from waste to energy are harmful to our health. Some 15,000 people live within 3 kilometres of the site. Almost 45,000 people live within 5 kilometres of the site.
- Ringaskiddy is one of the least central locations possible to the 9 counties in the Southern Waste Region, entailing unnecessary journeys by some 160 trucks every day.
- Waste to energy in the Southern Region is premature. International and national waste management policies promote waste to energy as a last resort, to be used only when all other options further up the waste hierarchy have been exhausted. Reduce, reuse, recycle and compost will remove the need for this old technology.
- Where are the other sites that Indaver have identified in their application as what makes this site the best one, this has never been addressed. The port is expanding and will no doubt need this space in years to come.
- The Jack Lynch tunnel traffic is already unbearable, the new volume with waste truck will only make this worse.

In concluding, all three previous inspectors have said it is the wrong location, and today with all the new plans and tourist destination water activities etc. it is even more the wrong location.

Thank you for your consideration. I also objected in 2016 so do not need to send 50 euro again.



---

Your sincerely  
Paul Nash Chartered Engineer

Paul Nash  
Casa Orion (formerly Teach Nua)  
Ballynoe, Residences  
Cobh  
County Cork

5<sup>th</sup> November, 2025.

An Coimisiun Pleanála,  
64 Marlborough Street,  
Dublin 1.

**RE: PL04.PA0045 – Waste to Energy Facility at Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork**

To whom it may concern,

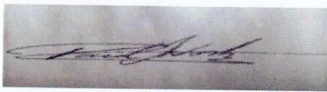
We, the undersigned, strongly object to the proposed waste to energy facility at Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork.

- At the previous oral hearing the air core had concerns with the flight path on certain wind conditions, Indaver offered to shut it down in these events, you may be aware you cannot just be stopped or shut down at short notice, it is furnace . It takes a considerable amount of time for this to happen.
- The R-Number used to measure efficiency of the plant, makes it less efficient than a coal burning power station.
- Soil sample data was falsified using cut and paste from the Meath plant. Have there been new samples taken and analysed.
- The flood Defence proposed, is not sufficient for storm surges and projected rise in sea levels.
- Inadequate studies have been carried out on air flow since the new wind turbine has been fitted.
- Toxic ash approximately 100,000 tons per annum which can be as high as between 30-50 percent, of the total waste burnt, will then be transported by road to Carrigfergus, Northern Ireland and Germany for processing, this is a quote from “John Ahern Indaver in 2016”, this location makes no sense.
- The facility will produce over 1 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per annum, this will no doubt incur emissions breaches from EU and fines accordingly.
- The United States have banned this type of incinerators.
- Countries in Europe have almost completely stopped recycling when these incinerators have been installed.
- The proposed waste to energy plant is utterly incompatible with the nature of residential, educational, heritage and recreational development in Cork’s Lower Harbour. The National Maritime college and UCC campuses are 30 meters across the road with hundreds of students and staff attending daily.
- It would be a travesty to permit the proposed waste to energy plant in the middle of a growing flagship university campus and centre of research excellence.
- International guidelines from the World Health Organisation indicate that the site in Ringaskiddy is unsuitable.

- The site of the proposed development is at the end of a cul de sac with only one way in and one way out in the event of an accident. This is unsafe in emergencies.
- The Irish Doctors Medical association, European Environmental agency and World Health organisation have grave concerns for the people's health within 50 km of these incinerators. Health studies indicate that emissions, both direct and indirect, from waste to energy are harmful to our health. Some 15,000 people live within 3 kilometres of the site. Almost 45,000 people live within 5 kilometres of the site.
- Ringaskiddy is one of the least central locations possible to the 9 counties in the Southern Waste Region, entailing unnecessary journeys by some 160 trucks every day.
- Waste to energy in the Southern Region is premature. International and national waste management policies promote waste to energy as a last resort, to be used only when all other options further up the waste hierarchy have been exhausted. Reduce, reuse, recycle and compost will remove the need for this old technology.
- Where are the other sites that Indaver have identified in their application as what makes this site the best one, this has never been addressed. The port is expanding and will no doubt need this space in years to come.
- The Jack Lynch tunnel traffic is already unbearable, the new volume with waste truck will only make this worse.

In concluding, all three previous inspectors have said it is the wrong location, and today with all the new plans and tourist destination water activities etc. it is even more the wrong location.

Thank you for your consideration. I also objected in 2016 so do not need to send 50 euro again.



---

Your sincerely  
Paul Nash Chartered Engineer