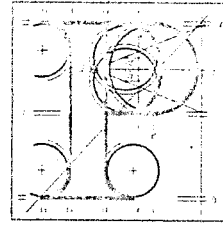


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Date: 19 November 2025

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.

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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Cork Harbour Incinerator. Submission.

As a professional geographer and a long-term resident in Cobh, I would like to make the following submission.

It is a very foggy morning here in Cobh as I am writing and it reminds me that the particulates exuded from the facility cannot rise up the cloud base and will be trapped by the water carried by the fog. The topography of Cobh will facilitate this process. The topography characterised by the anticline is critical problem here and the number of fog days can easily be consulted.

The proposed site is unsuitable for this and for many other reasons. Quite unlike the site at Ringsend in Dublin (where I once lived) where dispersal of the incinerator particulates is more feasible given the open site there.

The plume from the incinerator is driven by the prevailing winds from the south-west at Cobh right into the most populated part of the urban centre and also three schools are right in its path making it once again a most unsuitable site.

Present day pollution from cruise ships is a case in point as windows in their vicinities must be closed when docked.

Auctioneers at Cobh will confirm that the overall effect of the incinerator will lower house prices and deter people moving into Cobh just as the town is pulling up its socks after more that a century of decline.

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