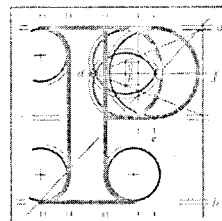


Our Case Number: ABP-318802-24

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An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Ringaskiddy Tidy Towns
c/o Jamie O'Toole
31 Ferry View
Ringaskiddy
Co. Cork
P43 EW83

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.

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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11th November 2025

Observer Group: Ringaskiddy Tidy Towns

Contact: Jamie O'Toole, Chairperson, Ringaskiddy Tidy Towns, 31 Ferry view,
Ringaskiddy, P43EW83, County Cork

Ringaskiddy Tidy towns write to formally object to planning application case reference number **PA04.318802** for the proposed development of a resource recovery centre (including waste-to-energy facility) by Indaver NV t/a Indaver Ireland at Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork.

Our objection is founded on the following primary concerns:

1. Public Health Concerns that the proposed facility will risk air pollution and negatively impact residents not only of Ringaskiddy but of the entire Harbour area and its environs. Thermal inversion within the harbour would trap emissions thus contributing to health issues such as cancer and potential pollutants trapped in water and food. Standard filtration systems cannot prevent ultra-fine particles (PM0.1) from entering the atmosphere or our food chains and the water in the harbour.
2. As a Tidy Towns group, we are passionate about biodiversity and endeavour to improve biodiversity within our area. Incinerators can contribute to **biodiversity loss in surrounding areas** through the emission of various pollutants that contaminate air, soil, and water, leading to direct toxicity, habitat degradation, and disruption of ecological processes.
3. Safety and Infrastructure: The area for the proposed incinerator is prone to flooding and the proposed facility would be located on a cliff that has considerable erosion. Flood and erosion would increase water contamination in an area where so many residents and visitors swim, sail, kayak and fish.
4. The proposed site is close to the country's Naval Base with one exit by road and road access could be blocked should there be an accident/fire at the facility and therefore would hinder its operations.
5. The proposed site is located along side Gobby Beach which is used for kayaking, swimming etc, and is across the road from University College Cork's Beaufort research building and the National Maritime College of Ireland Campus. The proposal contravenes the zoning of the Cork County Development Plan 2022 – 28 for this site. The zoning of the site area where the proposed incinerator is planned is zoned as suitable “for the extension of the Third Level Educational

campus and enterprise related development including marine related education, enterprise, research and development (RY-I-09, Table 4.1.17: Specific Development Objectives for Ringaskiddy, County Cork Development Plan 2022 – 28. It is critical that this zoning is upheld.

6. Conflict with the Cork County Development Plan (2022 – 2028) to develop Cork Harbour as a world class tourism destination. The proposed location is alongside the beaches at Gobby and Lough beg (Luc), close to local recreational areas such as Hawbowline park and Currabinny woods - all of which are incredibly important for recreational activities. It is directly across from Spike Island which is one of the most important tourist attractions in the country.
7. Current climate goals do not recommend or support the building or use of Incinerators. “The EU's circular economy strategy positions incineration as a **least preferred option for waste management**, to be used only for residual, non-recyclable waste after all higher-ranking options (prevention, reuse, recycling) have been exhausted. The EU aims to move away from a linear model ("take, make, use, dispose") and views incineration as largely incompatible with the goal of high-quality material recovery and a zero-waste future.” This incinerator would require a huge constant amount of waste to be transported and burnt to be a commercial success. And would contribute to emissions from transport of same to the facility. Waste to energy is not a “green” solution, as it means the importation of waste and dumping of toxic ash at a specific landfill site.

Please refuse this planning application on the basis that the site is unsuitable for this endeavour. This was the conclusion by all 3 Bord Pleanala Inspectors (Jones 2004, Finn 2009 and Daly 2017).

We wish to request an Oral Hearing to continue full public participation in this application.

Yours sincerely,

Jamie O Toole

JAMIE O'TOOLE, Chairman, Ringaskiddy Tidy Towns