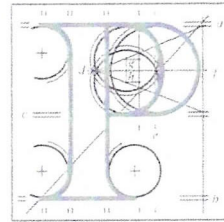


Our Case Number: ABP-318802-24

Planning Authority Reference Number:



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Robert McLaughlin and Ulla McLaughlin
Scotsmans Road
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Co. Cork
T12K81V

Date: 09 January 2026

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.

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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Nov 11th 2025

Ref : Incinerator in Ringaskiddy Co Cork

ABP 318802-24

Dear Sir, Madam

I refer to the above project and wish to confirm that I have already objected to this project in 2016 and the fees due were paid at the time.

Regarding the new effort by Indaver I wish to strongly object to this proposal on the following grounds.

Site

#1. The proposed site is unsuitable, is too small and suffers from serious coastal erosion on a regular basis. There is photographic evidence to show this and it contradicts the Indaver assumptions and predictions.

#2. The site is located in an area that has been rezoned for Educational and Amenity development.

#3. The site is located right next to a village and an Educational facility.

#4. The site is located in a known flood risk area, marked as same in Table 4.1.17: Specific Development Objectives for Ringaskiddy, and on OPW floodinfo.ie (Flood Summary ID-1364.13082, 12085)

#5. The site poses a public safety risk in the event of an accident or fire with only single access road serving Haulbowline Island and UCC National Maritime College.

#6. Indaver would not be allowed to locate an incinerator in such circumstances in Europe

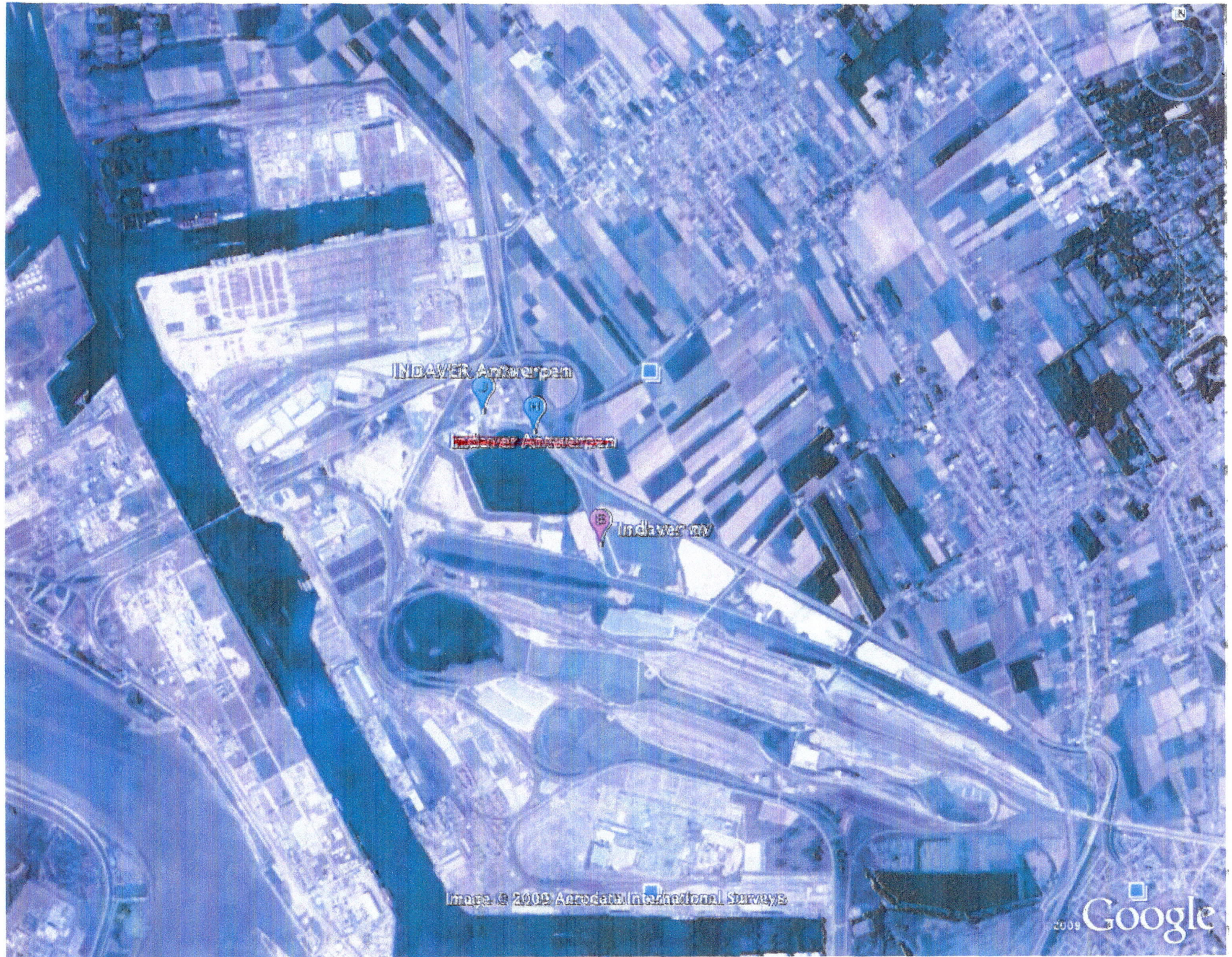
#7. In fact in Belgium Indaver operate a number of facilities

At Poldervlietweg 5 Antwerpen .

This plant is located in a very large heavy industrial park that is approx 50 sq km in size

Located close to major road networks. Nearest village is 6 km away. It is NOT located in a designated

Amenity and Educational area (see attached photo 1)



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#1



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At Molenweg 2 Kallo

This plant is located on a 12 sqkm site on its own.No schools near by ,no village nearby

Location looks like a wasteland with landfill . See Attached photo.2



#2.

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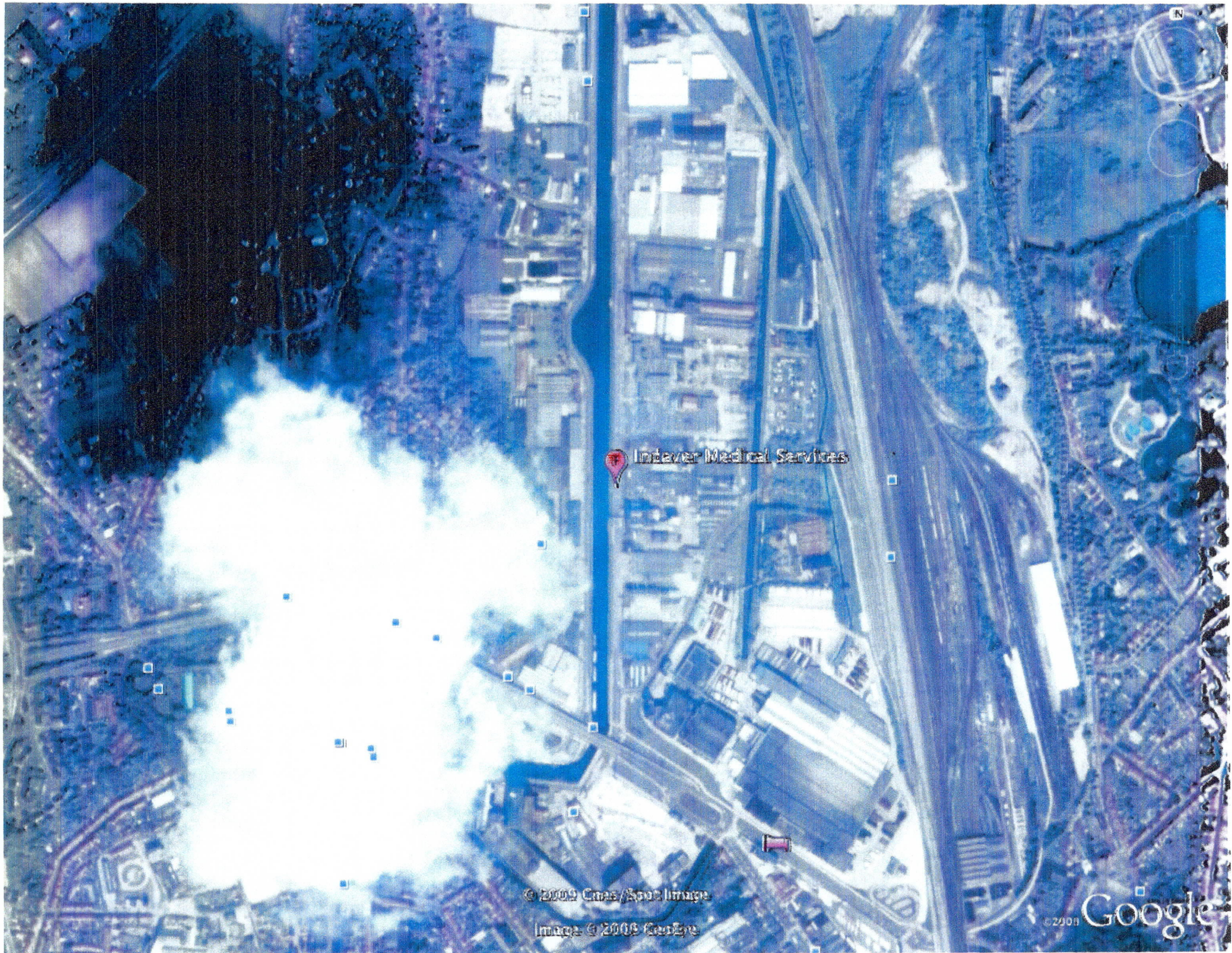
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· **At Wiesele Aarschotsesteenweg 32**

This plant stands on its own site of 8 sq km.No village or schools nearby.See attached photo. 3

#3



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So there is no justification for Indaver to come to Cork and put in an incinerator in to a village and next to a University College.

Health

Incineration does not eliminate waste. It creates other more harmful products and pollutants.

Harmful emissions can spread within 40 mile radius.

No Health Impact Assessment was conducted at all.

The Health effects per WHO are to say the least are frightening, including cancers, respiratory illness.

No state body monitors emissions in Cork harbour as the EPA do not have the resources, legislation or the necessary equipment.

So who will take responsibility for the environment and our health.

Accidents do happen

Indaver reported accidents

2017 in Poolbeg, 2016&2018 explosions in Antwerp, 2025 in Dole

There is over capacity in Europe in incineration {report 2017}

Environment/transport traffic

It is unclear that the Best available Techniques are included in the application as the short time available does not allow detail study. But it appears there is an attempt to slide out of date technology dated 2016 into the application.

Based on 240,000 tons of waste to be incinerated this will create 65000/70000 tons of waste ash.

Approximately 12000 tons of this will be intractable waste consisting of PICs (products of incomplete combustion).

This will create 71 truck movements per day based upon traffic study 2016 and combined with the traffic from the port of Cork this will increase to more than 170/180 truck movements per day.

Combined with normal other traffic the M28 will be clogged up before it starts.

Where is the land fill site for 70000 tons of ash ?

Where does the 12000 tons of hazardous waste go ?. back to Germany?

But now we have to deal with the 175000 tons that will exit the flue stack. If the scrubbers are 99% efficient that leaves 1750 tons emitting into our atmosphere which is approximately 5 tons per day

of unknown PICs. This particulate matter will fall over a wide area including Monkstown and Ringaskiddy, over schools, sportsfields, houses and the sea.

General

This is the 4th attempt by Indaver to obtain planning in Ringaskiddy since 2001.

Three Bord Pleanala Inspectors refused planning for solid and factual reasons. But for reasons unknown the inspectors reports were overturned

Today after 24 years An Coimisiun Pleanala force the issue again. Why is this?

Over these years ABP have had a rocky road and now An Coimisiun Pleanala have an opportunity to correct matters .

The Code of Conduct for Board members is to determine all matters before it in accordance with

1. The principles of Natural and Constitutional Justice
2. The principles of Sustainable Development
3. The principles of proper Planning and sustainable development in the area concerned

It is difficult to see how these principles were applied in the past.

Is it right to put the harbour communities to the test again giving them only a short time of 6 weeks when Indaver have had 4 years or 24 years of trying.

In the latter 2 principles this proposal by Indaver FAILS

I respectfully urge the Coimisiun to refuse planning once and for all never to be repeated

Yours Sincerely

BobMcLaughlin and Ulla McLaughlin