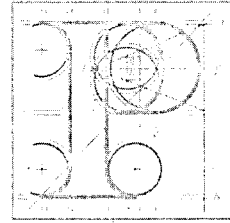


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An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Shane & Deirdre Behan
Arda Cuain
Ringaskiddy
Co. Cork

Date: 20 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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To Whom It May Concern:

As concerned residents of Ringaskiddy, we are submitting this objection to the above-mentioned planning application by Indaver Ireland. This situation is unfortunately too familiar to us. We objected to the previous submission by Indaver and find ourselves having to do the same thing again which is hard to comprehend. The site was wrong for the first application and 24 years later it is still the wrong site.

The site overlooking Gobby beach is completely the wrong choice as the application contradicts national and local government policy for maritime, educational and tourism perspectives. The site is too small and is located on a site which is susceptible to coastal erosion and flooding. It is located in a cul de sac which is also prone to flooding , directly across from the educational campuses of the National Maritime College and the Beaufort Institute , with the Naval Services being located also near the proposed site. There is not a sufficient emergency/evacuation plan proposed by the company if/when an accident occurs, similar to the one that happened in their flagship site in Antwerp in February 2016. This took several hours to contain and all local roads and tunnels had to be closed.

From a tourism perspective Cork Harbour has been recognised as a destination for tourism and a natural beauty spot and is the second largest natural harbour in the world. Spike Island is now one of the most popular tourist destinations in Munster with its popularity growing annually. The presence of the large stack would be a complete blight on the landscape from there and also from another large tourist attraction , Fort Camden. The large cruise ships which sail into Cobh and Ringaskiddy would be met with that eyesore as they sail in past Roches point.

Another major concern are the health concerns which are associated with this. Incineration doesn't eliminate waste , it is a transformative process. It transforms it into gases , fine dust and ash which all contain harmful pollutants. A series of studies conducted by Toxico Watch Foundation revealed that there are alarming levels of Dioxins , PFAs and heavy metals in the environment surrounding waste incinerators across different countries in Europe . This contamination poses risks to public health , ecosystems and food safety. If Dioxins did enter our food chain through contaminated soil and water it would threaten Irelands €7 billion agri-food industry. There were major irregularities in the Dioxin figures which were reported by Indaver in the oral hearing on 2016. If there was nothing to hide with their reported safe levels why would they need to doctor the figures ?

Another Incinerator in Ireland is not required. The European Commission advised in 2017 that there should be a moratorium on new incinerators in favour of waste prevention, reuse and recycling. Ireland is already over its carbon budget. This plant would add to the existing problem which is costing the country millions per annum. Is this location in the port of Cork a big pull factor for them so that they can import waste from other countries, increasing our carbon emissions costs while helping other countries to reduce theirs? According to the submission, this plant will deal with industrial waste, this is not true. This is a municipal - grade burner not a specialist industrial or hazardous waste facility. It cannot accept the chemical or pharmaceutical waste produced in Cork. These are sent to dedicated treatment plants with far stricter controls this will be a general waste incinerator which does not qualify as energy recovery. It produces electricity only. There are plenty of alternatives to Incineration such as waste separation, recycling and biological treatment. From studying other countries it has shown that these methods have created 10 times more jobs than incineration.

While some people may believe that this anti-incinerator campaign is just another NIMBY campaign, it is far from that. The impact of this plant being built will be widespread. As well as being visible throughout Cork harbour its emissions will effect a radius of over 64km. This is certainly not a problem just for the people living in the Ringaskiddy area. We believe that Indaver are once again showing no respect for the people of our village, its surrounding area and the people of Cork. They tried underhand and deceitful tactics to try to get their planning application across previously and will try to do the same again. We the people of Cork harbour and beyond need to stop this application and request an Oral hearing to do this. Planning has been refused before but unfortunately this company does not understand that NO actually means NO !!! This battle with Indaver has been going on for too long. Over the course of the 24 long years the people of Cork Harbour have fought against this company, people have unfortunately passed but this fight has to continue for them and for our future generations. We have a beautiful harbour that cannot be destroyed for the sake of greed. Hopefully facts and common sense will prevail and the dark cloud of Indaver that has hung over Cork Harbour will finally dissipate.

With Kind Regards

Shane & Deirdre Behan