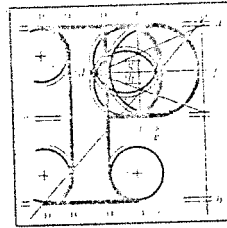


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**An
Coimisiún
Pleanála**

Sharon O'Keeffe
Ivy Cottage
Main Street
Ringaskiddy
Co. Cork

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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OBSERVATION ON SID APPLICATION - Case reference: PA04.318802, Ringaskiddy Co Cork
Proposed development of a resource recovery centre (including waste-to-energy facility)
by Indaver NV t/a Indaver Ireland

OBSERVER NAME SHARON O'KEEFFE **DATE** 13/11/2025
OBSERVER ADDRESS Ivy Cottage, Main Street,
Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork

OBSERVATION DETAILS

Notwithstanding the information submitted in August 2025, the site is fundamentally too small for the project proposed and continues to reduce in size, with coastal erosion on one side and boundary reduced by M28 on the other. *It is considered that the actual usable area of the site is inadequate in relation to the scale of development proposed. (Derek Daly, 2017).*

By all 3 Bord Pleanala Inspectors, the EIS was found to be deficient in substance even where found legally adequate in form. *The information as submitted to the Board is therefore insufficient to enable the Board to carry out an environmental impact assessment in an appropriate manner, and to form a basis for an informed decision on the application. (Daly, 2017).* Despite revisions, the updated EIS material continues to repeat earlier conclusions and provide assertions without evidence.

There is no de novo site selection in the material submitted in 2025, but instead a justification based on site ownership by Indaver, with inadequate consideration given to major public and private investment initiatives which have transformed the character of the immediate area in the intervening period since 2000. (Daly 2017)

The site is located on 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). *Mitigation measures to locate the facility at levels significantly above projected flooding levels would exacerbate the negative visual impact of the proposed large structure. It is my considered opinion that the site is inherently unsuitable for location of a use which processes, and generates hazardous compounds. (Oznur Yukel Finn, 2009)*

Notwithstanding the zoning of the greater Ringaskiddy area as industrial, the Indaver site area where the incinerator build is proposed (RY-I-09) 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, Cork County Development Plan 2022 - 28) This is dismissed in the August 2025 information but it is of critical importance that this zoning be upheld as it is directly linked to the investment in the NMCI and MaREI Campus areas and the potential for future growth of this sector. The proposed incinerator is therefore in direct contravention of the County Development Plan and contrary to the specified objectives for the immediate area.

Please refuse this planning application on the basis that the site is inherently unsuitable, concluded by all 3 Bord Pleanala Inspectors (Jones 2004, Yukel Finn 2009, Daly 2017) and the proposal contravenes the zoning of the Cork County Development Plan 2022 - 28 for this site.

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

I enclose fee of €50

I have already submitted in 2016 so have paid prior fee

Additional pages attached (no of)

In addition to these observations, incineration is an outdated concept. Surely, in this green era, we should be looking at more environmentally friendly ways of managing waste. The government has spent millions on cycle lanes, infrastructure to support electric vehicles, bus corridors & ways of improving public transport, to then allow a giant toxic chimney to be placed in our harbour! The impact that this would have on our environment, our marine & wildlife, our health & that of our children is unacceptable.

Cork harbour is the second largest natural harbour in the world & a place that I consider myself extremely lucky to call home. To have a monstrosity such as this built 800 meters from our village is outrageous. Not only because it would be an eyesore in a place of magnificent beauty, but also because it would essentially poison the harbour, everything & everyone in it. This would have a detrimental effect on our tourism. A substantial amount of money was spent on bringing Haulbowline back into use & that is now a fantastic amenity that people come from all over to use. I wouldn't imagine that those that come for a walk or a run in the fresh sea air would still come if instead of fresh air they were breathing in toxic fumes. Not to mention, Spike Island & Cobh are very popular tourist attractions.

To have our lifestyles & our health put in the hands of a company who clearly have no consideration for human life is insulting. Air pollutants are known to cause lung & heart diseases, heavy metals to cause neurological diseases & toxic chemicals to cause cancers. Each of these can potentially lead to death. Knowingly releasing these into the air at such close proximity to an inhabited village is a violation of our right to life.

I have raised my children in this village & now my grandchild also lives here. It is a place that offers a beautiful childhood & I love it very much. Building this incinerator would mean choosing between our home & our health. That is not a choice any family should have to make!

On those grounds, I feel that permission for this facility must be refused.