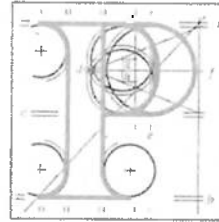


**Our Case Number:** ABP-318802-24

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An  
Coimisiún  
Pleanála

Sinead O'Mahony  
4 Bloomfield  
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P43 FK77

**Date:** 18 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.

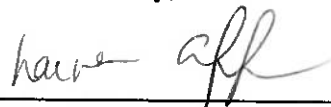
The Commission will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

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](http://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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1. Sinead O'Mahony, 4 Bloomfield, Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork. P43 FK77
2. Lisa Cush, 6 Bloomfield, Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork, P43

We 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. This objection is submitted by the above-named individuals to set out material planning considerations which we consider weigh strongly against granting consent for the proposal.

Our objection is founded on the following primary concerns:

1. **Public Health Risk** - The burning of waste contributes to significant air pollution. This would be exacerbated by the fact that Cork Harbour is subject to thermal inversion due to its valley like geography. Thermal inversion would trap emissions thus contributing to health issues such as cancer and potential pollutants trapped in water and food. The emissions can spread within a 40-mile radius. There hasn't been a Health Impact Assessment conducted or required by An Bord Pleanála in previous submissions. Standard filtration systems cannot prevent ultra-fine particles (PM0.1) from entering the atmosphere or our food chains and the water in the harbour. We as residents use this harbour for recreation, our mental health and for our children's health and wellbeing.
2. **Contravention of Zoning:** 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.
3. **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 the Hawbowline park all of which are incredibly important for recreational activities. As keen sea swimmers, we and other groups of sea swimmers

regularly swim in Lough Beg and other local beaches. Since Covid the use of our local beaches, walkways, woodlands has grown exponentially, by locals and further afield as a destination.

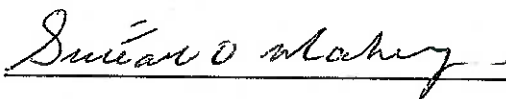
It is directly across from Spike Island which is one of the most important tourist attractions in the country and will be across from Cobh another hugely popular tourist destination and a location where the only access is through one road should there be a major incident or fire.

4. The EU circular economy framework doesn't recommend expanding incineration capacity in EU countries as it doesn't contribute to the circular reduce-reuse-recycle. "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.

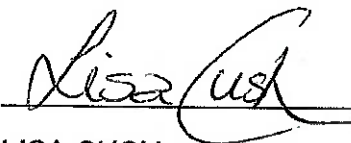
Please refuse this planning application on the basis that the site is unsuitable for this endeavour. This was the conclusion by all 3 Bord Pleanala Inspectors (Jones 2004, Finn 2009 and Daly 2017).

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

Yours sincerely,



SINÉAD O'MAHONY



LISA CUSH