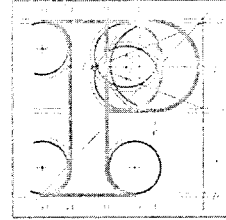


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**Date:** 24 November 2025

**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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Observations on application by Indaver NV to develop a waste-to-energy facility at  
Ringaskiddy

We write as residents of Cobh and members of multiple community groups, and request that you read and take into consideration the following observations regarding the proposed incinerator (waste-to-energy facility) at Ringaskiddy.

- Cork Harbour is an area of unusual beauty. With the successful visual recovery of Haulbowline Island from heavy industry and the relatively sensitive development of other industrial sites at Ringaskiddy, the harbour currently manages to balance and integrate history, nature, modern industry, thriving communities, leisure and tourism. The harbour area is in the process of emerging as a world-class asset to Cork County and to Ireland as a whole. Its unique character brings domestic and international visitors to the region, as well as helping to attract internationally-mobile skilled professional workers. A vast range of small businesses, non-profit and voluntary organisations take pride in improving and showcasing the harbour communities for the benefit of residents and visitors alike, and are excited about and invested in future possibilities.
- Indaver's resurrected application to site an incinerator at Ringaskiddy takes no account of the harbour's careful balance, and would irrevocably alter the visual appearance and character of the harbour. Further, we believe that the financial

investment and community morale needed to continue developing and nurturing the area would be put at severe risk by such an inappropriately-sited imposition. We understand that there is no *de novo* site selection in the material submitted by Indaver in 2025, but instead a justification based on their existing site ownership. Inadequate consideration has therefore been given to major public and private investment initiatives which have transformed the character of the immediate area in the period since 2000, and which have significant potential to be further developed with benefit to all surrounding harbour communities.

- The regular thermal inversions over Cork Harbour are evident to anyone who lives in Cobh. We witness this characteristic frequently from the vantage point of our house and terrace. We are extremely concerned that the bowl shape of the harbour combined with the characteristic thermal inversions would prevent the effective dispersal of emissions from the proposed facility, with Cobh facing particular negative effects due to its elevation at a similar height to the top of the proposed incinerator chimney stack. This would pose dangers to public health and the natural environment, as well as negatively affecting the visual appeal of the harbour.
  
- The arguments advanced in favour of the incinerator entirely undermine the credibility and sincerity of the government's purported commitment to incentivising a circular economy. It should not be a given that population increase comes with a commensurate per capita waste output. Many of us feel trapped into living an unnecessarily high-waste lifestyle due to the unavailability of excessive packaging on the most simple everyday goods, not to mention an economic model that effectively promotes vehicles, electronics, household goods and clothing as items that should be continuously replaced. A government with a positive vision of future society should not be locking in a linear, waste-dependent economic model for generations to come. Moreover, the assertion that the incinerator is needed at Ringaskiddy to serve the waste needs of the adjacent pharmaceutical plants appears incredible; these plants are long

established, with long established specialised arrangements in place for the disposal of their waste.

We ask that you refuse this planning application on the basis that the site is inherently unsuitable; that it would irrevocably degrade Cork Harbour as a mixed amenity area of national and international significance; and that the nature of the proposed facility undermines stated government policy in the areas of environmental protection, sustainability and circularity.