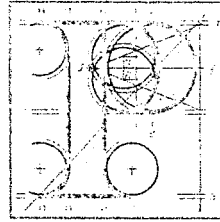


Our Case Number: ABP-318802-24



An
Coimisiún
Pleanála

Susan Gibson & Others
Cooleen
Rushbrooke
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Co. Cork

Date: 10 December 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. As you have previously made a submission, a refund of €50 will be made to you in due course.

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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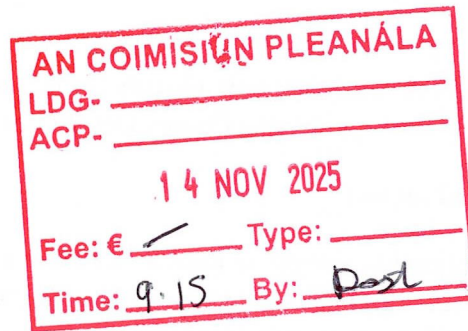
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To: An Coimisiun Pleanala
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11 November 2025

Dear Sir / Madam,

Observation on SID Application case reference PA04 318802 Ringaskiddy, Cork.

I wish to object to planning application [insert planning application number] with reference to my previous observation ABP-318802-24 submitted in 2015.

The reasons I am objecting to the planning application are:

Location

The proposed site is far too small for a development of this kind notwithstanding the fact that this site has reduced in size from the time of the original proposal due to coastal erosion

Further, there has been no consideration given to its proximity to the National Maritime College of Ireland. It is beyond belief that a hazardous waste incinerator could be placed right beside the college. The site assessment is totally inadequate.

Appearance

In the twenty-five years since I moved to Cobh, the harbour has undergone a significant clean-up. The area was once dominated by industry and is now largely a tourism hub. Notably, Haulbowline Island which was once home to Irish Steel has been redeveloped into a playground, Spike Island has been voted one of the top tourist attractions in the country and there is a constant stream of cruise liners between the months of May to October bringing large numbers of tourists

into the town. A large chimney, billowing black smoke, would be seen from almost every vantage point in Cobh.

A waste incinerator would not only visually impact the beauty of the surrounding area but it is also completely incompatible the County Development Plan .

Environmental impact

Waste incineration has a negative impact on the environment emitting pollutants like dioxins and heavy metals and significant greenhouse gas emissions contributing to climate change. It can have adverse effects on an individual's health which risks the residents and visitors of Cobh, Ringaskiddy, Aghada, Whitegate, Crosshaven and beyond.

Aside from the environmental risks it poses, it is, at best, an outdated means of dealing with our waste which is why so many other European countries have moved away from this method of waste management.

I hope that An Coimisiun Pleanála will heed the advice of the three previous planning inspectors (in 2004, 2009 and 2012) and once again refuse the planning permission for this hideous development.

I wish to request an oral hearing.

Yours faithfully,



Susan Gibson

I have already submitted in 2015 so
have paid prior fee.