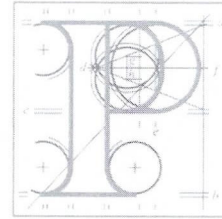


**Our Case Number:** ABP-318802-24



An  
Coimisiún  
Pleanála

The Green Party Cork Branch  
35 St Anne's Drive  
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T23 DRA0

**Date:** 30 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.

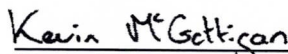
The Commission will revert to you in due course with regard to the matter.

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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**Sent:** Sunday 16 November 2025 10:22

**To:** LAPS <laps@pleanala.ie>

**Subject:** Submission to Case reference: PA04.318802, Ringaskiddy Co Cork

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Hello,

Please find attached submission from the The Green Party Cork Branch to PA04.318802, Ringaskiddy Co Cork.

We have previously submitted.

Kind regards,

Cliona O'Halloran  
Secretary, Green Party Cork Branch

TO: An Coimisiun Pleanála  
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**OBSERVER NAMES** – Members of the The Green Party Cork Branch

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**OBSERVATION ON SID APPLICATION** - Case reference: PA04.318802, Ringaskiddy Co  
Cork

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** Resource recovery centre (including “waste-to-energy” facility)  
by Indaver NV t/a Indaver Ireland

#### **OBSERVATION DETAILS**

In addition to our previous submission and 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 Pleanála 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 proposal is structurally and legally non-compliant with current Irish and EU law, including the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022, the Climate Action and Low-Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, the National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy 2024–2030, and Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 (EU Climate Law). The design also conflicts with:

- OPW Flood-Risk Management Guidelines (2009 & 2022) – site lies within Flood Zones A/B; no dry egress;
- Cork County Development Plan 2022–2028 (zoning RY-I-09 – education/marine enterprise, not industrial); and
- National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy 2024-2030 Target 1A (“no new residual-waste capacity”).

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 nothing since remedies those findings. The proposal contravenes the zoning of the Cork County Development Plan 2022 - 28 for this site.

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

DATE \_\_\_\_\_November 16, 2025\_\_\_\_\_

We have already submitted in 2026 and paid the prior fee.

As a resident, property owner, and mother of two in Cobh, Co. Cork, I object the construction of an incinerator in Ringaskiddy for the following reasons:

1. As previous outlined, the site is wholly unsuitable.
2. The emissions from the incinerator pose a public health risk to my family and I.
3. The incinerator will be visible from my home at 32 Rush Brooke Links Cobh. My home is 63m above sea level and will be parallel with the chimney stacks of the incinerator, risking the flow of air pollution into my home. It will be an unsightly reminder of the health dangers that we will face.

As a professional Sustainability Consultant, in my opinion, building more incinerators does not align with the urgent climate action required, nationally and globally, to meet the Paris Agreement of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Individuals and businesses alike need to reduce the amount of waste produced, through reduced consumption, life-cycle analysis, greening of supply chains, green chemistry and better product design.

Facilitating further incineration does not align with the Irelands Climate Action Plan 2025 to reduce emissions, stating under 19.3.6, Measures to Deliver Sectoral Emissions Ceilings, "Reduce Waste sent to Landfill and/or Incineration - We will continue to transform our approach to waste in line with modern, circular economy principles".

I urge you to refuse planning for application "PA04.318802, Ringaskiddy, Co Cork" in the interest of the public health and safety of the residents, students and workers of and visitors to Cork Harbour.

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