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

**Planning Authority Reference Number:**

The Howie Family  
c/o Peter Howie  
24 Hermitage Grove  
Rushbrooke Links  
Cobh  
Co. Cork

**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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**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** The Howie Family c/o Peter Howie **DATE** 11th November 2025

**OBSERVER ADDRESS** 24 Hermitage Grove, Rushbrooke Links, Cobh, Co. Cork, Ireland

#### OBSERVATION DETAILS

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development of an incinerator at the Ringaskiddy site. This objection is based on both planning and environmental grounds, and on deeply personal concerns regarding the health and safety of our children and future generations. The site has been repeatedly deemed unsuitable by multiple Bord Pleanála Inspectors, and the proposal contravenes the Cork County Development Plan 2022–2028.

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 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 Pleanála 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.**

Beyond the technical and planning concerns, I must emphasize the profound impact this development would have on our community. As a parent and resident, I am deeply concerned about the long-term health implications for our children, who deserve to grow up in a safe and clean environment. The incinerator poses risks of air pollution, hazardous waste exposure,

and visual degradation of a coastal area that should be preserved for educational and environmental advancement. We must prioritize the well-being of our families and uphold the integrity of our planning frameworks.

I respectfully urge the planning authority to reject this application in full and to uphold the zoning and environmental protections that safeguard our community. Thank you for considering this submission.

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

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