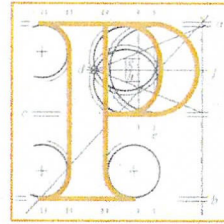


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An
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Pleanála

Tracey Speakman & Joan O'Galligan
12 Whitepoint Estate
Cobh
Co. Cork
P24 DK81

Date: 02 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. 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.

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

Observer names: Ms Tracey Speakman and Mrs Joan O’Galligan

Date: 16/11/2025

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Observation Details

This application contradicts the national and local government policy from maritime, educational and tourism perspectives.

The State has made a multi-million-euro commitment to developing Cork harbour through the National Maritime College and Beaufort Institute, with part of the zoned site being designated for educational purposes.

The site poses safety risks in the event of an accident with the single access road to the above mentioned institutes as well as Haulbowline Island where the Irish Defence Forces are stationed as well as there being a recreational area developed as a public amenity at Haulbowline Island Park.

Indaver’s safety and incident record poses great concern in view of the above. Further is the undeniable risk posted by not having a state body monitoring health impact near incinerators. Further, residents around existing Indaver incinerator sites such as the one in Essex, UK, are now being subjected to a further planning permission to allow visible steam plumes and are subjected to concerning odours ‘like burning tyres’ and nasty chemical smells. Again, I repeat, Ireland has no state body monitoring health impact near incinerators.

The European Commission advised a moratorium on new incinerators in 2017 in favour of waste prevention, reuse and recycling.

Time and time again this planning application has been deemed inherently unsuitable, as concluded by all 3 Board Pleanala Inspectors in 2004, 2009 and 2017. To say nothing of the abject dismay of the residents of the Cork harbour area and the millions of tourists who wish to continue to enjoy the natural beauty on offer here.

We urge you to refuse this planning application once and for all on the basis that the proposal – incineration at this location is just not possible. Let this be an end to 25 years of distress.

We wish to request an Oral Hearing so that the public can participate fully in this application.