

# What Representation?

**Both the current and previous Governments have allowed INDAVER to re-apply, for the 3rd time, for permission to build a POISONOUS incinerator in Ringaskiddy.**

**Why are INDAVER confident that they will be granted permission on this occasion?**

**Despite the scientific evidence against it and huge local opposition the incinerator is once again in the planning stages.**

**It has been fast-tracked to An Bord Pleanála.**

## QUESTIONS MUST BE ASKED:

- Why are TDs so ineffective on such policy issues? We have had Ministers in successive Governments fail us, claiming they have no influence.
- Is Government powerless???
- Who decides the policy of our state, do citizens have any say?
- Do you believe that the Party politicians will stand by the people, as they promise?

Each of our 5 sitting TDs has failed the people on this issue, they stand by while corporate demands rule over community interests.

Because of the Strategic Infrastructure Act and Government over-ruling Council, INDAVER have bypassed local democracy, the people have been ignored!

Operating an incinerator in Ringaskiddy will pollute our air and sea. It will damage the health of people around the harbour region, from Passage West/Monkstown, to Crosshaven/Carrigaline and across to Cobh and Whitegate, including in Cork city and surrounds.

Depending on the weather, people as far away as Mallow and Dungarvan will be affected.

Toxins released from incinerators can be cancerous and are a major health hazard.

But, there is nowhere to have our health concerns raised, no assessment has been made!

If our health was considered in this project then the modern approach (clean environment) of re-cycling would be used, not old and outdated incineration.



It is not known exactly what material will be burned at this incinerator, so we have no idea which toxins will pollute us!

Do you trust them?

**FACT: There is NO air pollution monitoring system in Cork. How can such a project even be considered?**

Visiting ships are not allowed to use their incinerators within the harbour area, yet INDAVER want to build one for constant, every day operation - Why?

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## THE INCINERATOR MEANS:

- Toxic air emissions from Ringaskiddy to surrounding areas and waste product drained into our Harbour.
- Increased heavy traffic every day on the N28, bringing delays and noise pollution.
- Ongoing transportation of very hazardous waste to/from Ringaskiddy.
- It will degrade the status of the new €80 million Research Centre at the Marine College.
- A major environmental crisis in the event of flooding, which is a real risk at the proposed site.
- It will adversely affect tourism in the harbour region.
- It will prove to the local community that An Bord Pleanála has no regard for the people.
- A complete denial of democracy, both at County Council level and at Community level.
- Supporting CORPORATE right over PUBLIC right.

Our 5 TD's are supposed to REPRESENT us, they should do that - sadly they have not done so.

**Let's not re-elect ANY of them!**

**Vote #1 Ó CADHLA**  
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Defend our Community  
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## To my neighbours in Cork South-Central,

For nearly 15 years residents of the lower harbour area, in particular Ringaskiddy, have conducted a campaign to prevent the construction of a Toxic Waste Incinerator. The proposals by INDAVER have been rejected twice already, for good reasons, but are now re-submitted under new rules allowing the fast-tracking of "strategic infrastructure" projects.

Left to their own resources, neglected by our TD's and Ministers in successive Governments, the community was left to finance scientific reports, engineering studies, court appearances and more, it was stopped - but it is here again!!

Is this the way we should run our public affairs?

Communities are left alone to protect their families from giant corporate interests who have virtually limitless budgets. The entire process of planning on this and other issues has favoured INDAVER, there are many vested interests involved.

At recent public meetings in Ringaskiddy our TD's pledged their support to stopping the incinerator. They have advised that the key factor is to produce "a good technical argument" to An Bord Pleanála... some even said they would object too.

What cynical manipulation of the people! The incinerator will not be stopped by technical argument alone, that case has already been won twice. To stop the incinerator we must organise to assert our right, let's organise a proper **PLEBASIDE** on the issue? As we organise the Party politicians will follow, afraid they will be exposed for not acting.

Let's put our objections into An Bord Pleanála, as many as possible, but let's also make public protest on the issue, let's reach out to each other. Also important, let's stop voting for those who are so dishonest with us, none of our TDs have the people's needs at heart, they yield to the Party 'whip' and the powerful vested interests that back them - they are already compromised.

Supporting community effort,

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Diarmaid Ó CADHLA

## POINTS OF DISCUSSION...

INDAVER have claimed that they need to locate in Ringaskiddy in order to service the local pharmaceutical industry.

However, they will not be taking ANY waste from local manufacturers. Is the real reason because there are plans to use our harbour for transporting toxic waste in/out of Ireland?

The site has already been found unsuitable, it contravenes guidelines of the World Health Organisation (WHO), it is too close to housing.

We are led to believe that Ringaskiddy is ZONED for such incineration facilities, it is NOT.

There are lands elsewhere already zoned for incinerators, however, our climate change commitments, and common sense, tells us that we should re-cycle instead.

**NO MEDICAL EVIDENCE** has been offered by either the EPA, Bord Pleanála or INDAVER to support their claim that our health will not be endangered.

Medical experts have given evidence that our health is at **RISK** from this incinerator.

Evidence states that dioxins can cause birth defects, cancer, liver damage, dental problems etc. the list is very long.

Remember: in 2014 INDAVER topped the EPA's own list of emissions offenders - are we safe?

Both Bord Pleanála and the EPA have disowned responsibility for consideration of these health issues.

Is this what the policy of our state should be, do we accept this?

### OBJECTIONS CAN BE LODGED before March 9th

Contact the Community groups below or myself. Individual objections cost €50, or this can be shared among a group of any size - either way, all objectors will have the right to address the hearings when they come about.



You can contact and join the campaign to **STOP** the incinerator and oppose INDAVER with:

Ringaskiddy & District Residents Association

[facebook.com/RingaskiddyResidentsAssociation/](https://www.facebook.com/RingaskiddyResidentsAssociation/)

Cork Harbour Alliance for a Safe Environment (CHASE)

<http://chasecorkharbour.com/>

