

St. Mary's Convent National School Cobh

TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

Dear Sir,

We the Board of Management of St. Mary's Convent National School, Cobh, on our own behalf, and on behalf of the staff and children in our school write to you to express our grave concerns with regard to the proposed incinerator at Ringaskiddy.

Our school is situated on the Great Island in the town of Cobh, on a hill approximately 60 metres O.D. above sea level and 2.7 kilometres from the proposed site.

The school building and playground are in the direct path of the prevailing winds from the southwest and also because of their situation are not protected from either southerly or southeasterly winds.

The top of the proposed chimneystack of the incinerator would be in a direct line with our school playground and any emissions will carry directly to the school on the prevailing winds.

This development will operate 365 days of the year, and not only will emissions carry to our area by the wind but in the event of fog (to which the Harbour area is prone) these emissions will remain in the air for an undetermined length of time.

There do not seem to be any guarantees that the development will be 100% safe and anything less will be too great a risk to our staff and the children in our care.

We appeal to you as our public representative to do all in your power to stop this development and so safeguard the health of our staff and our pupils and also the environment of our town.

Yours Sincerely,

Fr. Peadar Murphy, (Chairman, Board of Management)

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