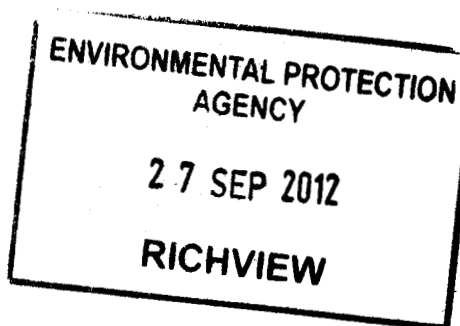


The Secretary  
An Bord Pleanála  
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Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012



**Case reference:** PL17 .PA0026

***RE: Amendments to existing Permissions for Waste to Energy Plant at Carranstown, Duleek, County Meath.***

Dear Sir,

I wish to submit an observation on Indaver Ireland Limited's application PL17.PA0026 – amendments to existing Permissions for Waste to Energy Plant at Carranstown, Duleek, Co. Meath.

As a local TD and representative of the people of Meath East I am strongly opposing any amendments to existing permissions for waste to the Waste Treatment Facility in Carranstown, Duleek. As it stands the facility currently runs Waste-to-Energy and is in line with Irish and EU waste policy and energy & climate change policy. The introduction of industrial hazardous waste such as empty contaminated packaging and paint cans will only increase toxic emissions putting extra risk to everybody and everything living and working within the region.

I completely object to this application by Indaver on environmental grounds. Indaver Ireland was last year refused planning permission in Cork for a similar application. It is totally unacceptable that they are now looking to their Duleek plant to deal with hazardous waste from all regions. This would mean a huge leap from original planning permission which was granted to the Carranstown facility on the grounds that it would process household waste from the north eastern region alone. It is on these grounds that I think it totally unacceptable that hazardous waste which has been created in an industrial environment be brought into an agricultural area. Burning of hazardous waste will add substantially to the risks of agriculture production within the area and could also have a major impact on the quality of food being produced in the area.

The least I would expect is a full oral hearing by An Bord Pleanála in the interests of not only the local people but also the local Irish agricultural sector.

I enclose the relevant fee of €50 for this observation.

Yours sincerely

Shane McEntee TD

Minister of State with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine