

**There is an election coming up when people hope their voice will be heard.**

One of the contentious issues in our area is Indaver's proposed toxic incinerator, and how our voices were not listened to by An Bord Pleanala, the EPA and particularly the government, whose policy has led to our concerns.

If this new planning proposal (04.PA0010) is not refused, it will affect our health, our children's health, our wealth, our property, our environment, and the air we breathe. Carbon taxes which will have to be paid by the tax payer on its Co2 emissions, will increase.

Everyone is aware of the contamination in our harbour, on the Irish Ispat site, and how the estimate to eliminate it will cost us the tax payer 300 million. You must also be aware of the incidences of cancer of all types in the Cobh area.(40% above national average). Because of the topography of the site for the proposed toxic incinerator, we are all vulnerable.

See health effects on [www.chaseireland.org](http://www.chaseireland.org)

You have a branch of CHASE (Cork Harbour Alliance for a Safe Environment) in your area who have been working tirelessly for the past 10 years to keep this toxic incinerator out of Cork Harbour, because of its risks to health, safety, and our environment.

What have we done for you during the last 10 years?

We have formed ourselves into eight environment groups around the harbour, and within range of any emissions: Carrigaline, Cobh, Cork City, Kinsale, Middleton, Monkstown/ Glenbrook/ Passage West, Ringaskiddy, and Youghal. We have engaged with An Bord Pleanala over a four week oral hearing, 2003, and engaged with the EPA over a three week oral hearing 2005, and engaged again in an oral hearing over a six-week period 2009, and are still presently presenting evidence to the Board on Indaver's Environment Impact Statement, for their new planning proposal, which the Board itself found inadequate.

We have called on experts on health to argue our case at these hearings. We have written letters to the papers. We have made submission to the government's development plans, their waste management plans and to the EPA. All this information can be found on our website [www.chaseireland.org](http://www.chaseireland.org).

We have gone on marches, attended conferences and workshops. We have raised money to support our campaign through a variety of activities, including yearly calendars showing old Cork, coffee mornings, farm and garden walks, dinner dances, race nights, auctions, cards, and cookery books. Our prime task has been and is to support the Ringaskiddy Residents Community and others who courageously challenged An Bord Pleanala and the Attorney General on our constitutional rights to health. We won the right to challenge their decision to let the incinerator go ahead, and because of the planning time running out, we have engaged with Indaver once again when they put in for a new planning proposal. Our challenges in the courts, and our engagement with An Board Pleanala in statutory process and our commitment to this campaign and to the 30,000 people who originally objected, is the reason a commercial toxic incinerator has not been built. We believe we have rights, and that a toxic incinerator emitting poisonous dioxins should not be built next door to the National Maritime College, with the potential for hundreds of clean green energy jobs in the future, building on the millions of euro investment already made by the government to this College.

Indaver's site floods, has an eroding coastline, and is in a region which cannot disperse emissions during thermal inversions.

What can you do for us, while we work very hard on your behalf ?

You can ask the question at the door step of anyone looking for your vote:

**What is your Party's Policy on this commercial Toxic incineration? The party 's policy is the only assessment of who is listening to your voice.**

**Thank you. Cork Harbour Alliance for a Safe Environment (CHASE) - 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. 2011**