

# Update on Proposed Building of Two Incinerators in Cork Harbour

## Update – 12th February 2010

As you will be aware An Bord Pleanála have indicated that they will refuse the municipal waste incinerator and are considering granting planning for the toxic waste incinerator

This is despite the fact that the Bord say the developers application was “deficient” so one would wonder how can a decision to grant planning be made when vital information is missing!  
(See [CHASE press release 21st Jan.](#))

This is not a final decision but an indication of what the Bord is thinking. Therefore it is essential that you write to the Bord to let them know of your shock and anger at how this application is being dealt with.

Thank you to all those who have contributed again to the campaign as these voluntary donations allow us to continue. It is important that the community continues to show its strength of opposition to this development. It is our efforts to date and the support of the community that have resulted in the refusal of one incinerator and it will be our continued efforts that will stop the second incinerator from getting planning permission.

Mary O'Leary

## Application

Indaver Ireland applied to the Strategic Infrastructure Board of An Bord Pleanála (ABP) in 2008 to build TWO incinerators in Cork Harbour – a toxic waste and a municipal waste incinerator.

We have fought this application **because we know it is the wrong solution for our waste, it is the wrong site, there is no need, it is the wrong technology, and no one wants it.** There was not one letter of support for Indaver Ireland's proposal to An Bord Pleanála.

## Oral Hearing

An Oral Hearing was held by An Bord Pleanála into the application from April to June 2009.

The Oral Hearing took 8 weeks in all, due to the enormous amount of new information that was submitted by Indaver during the process. This information should have been submitted by Indaver prior to the Oral hearing, but was not. As a consequence the Oral Hearing was extended to an unprecedented 8 weeks, at a huge cost to the community.

ABP have said they will have a decision made by the end of October 2009

## Costs

The final cost of the Oral Hearing to the community is €180,000.

These costs were for experts that CHASE had to employ to represent the community on such issues as Planning, Traffic, Health, and Waste Management. We also had to have a Solicitor to represent us at the Hearing in order to engage with Indaver's Solicitor and experts and to ensure that the community got fair play.

## Fund Raising

We are now actively trying to fund raise to pay the Oral Hearing bills. This is a difficult time for us all in relation to the economy but CHASE took this case to the Oral Hearing on behalf of all communities in the Greater Harbour area.

We are asking people for a once-off contribution to help pay the bills. The entire campaign has been run on a voluntary basis. Those who attended the Oral hearing for the 8 weeks on behalf of the community did so at their own expense, taking time off work and depending on friends and family to help out with school runs and general family life.

We really need the community to support us now in our efforts to pay the cost of the hearing.

There are many ways you can help:

- Organise a fund-raiser with your friends - a coffee morning, a golf four ball, a race night, a no uniform day etc.
- Or if you don't have the time, make a donation.
- If you live in a housing development/estate ask your neighbours to donate to a fund.

- Another suggestion is to ask five friends who you know supported the campaign in principle, but were not involved, to donate €20, €50 each, or whatever they can afford.

5 Friends X €20 = €100      5 Friends X €50 = €250

It all adds up and will go towards making our environment a better place to live – we are the keepers of our communities.

## **Contributions**

- Send to: CHASE, West End Terrace, Cobh, Co. Cork (cheques payable to CHASE).
- Or lodge directly to CHASE bank account:  
CHASE, AIB Bank, Carrigaline, Co. Cork - Account No: 025 360 94 - Sort Code: 93 43 13

**We thank those who have already contributed to the costs and look forward to the support of the community in our efforts.**