

## **An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 2, 2018**

**Dublin Airport Environs: Overall 2018 result: 23rd out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms**

This area was generally clean, but was let down by one litter blackspot, the R139 from the Malahide Road to the M50 at Turnapin Little – it wasn't just casually littered but subject to dumping, most notably near Cara Park. Some of the very good sites included the Approach to Airport Roundabout from M1, Old Ballymun Road to Junction with R122 and Port Tunnel from M1 to City Centre. Care needs to be taken with regard to litter management along the roads which offer opportunities for 'plane spotting'.

**Swords Road: Grade A.** (from Northwood Avenue junction to Old Airport Road Junction). Overall, a very fresh and clean impression was created along this route – road surface, markings and signage were in very good condition. There was a virtual absence of litter.

**R139 from Malahide Road to M50 Roundabout at Turnapin Little: Grade D.** This route wasn't just casually littered but domestic and industrial dumping had taken place, most notably near Cara Park. . Graffiti was pronounced on a wall behind a barrier. There was also plastic wrapping trapped in the shrubbery along other stretches of the road. There is a hotel not too far from this site.

**Approach to Airport Roundabout from M1: Grade A.** The overall impression created along this route was a very good one with grass and shrubbery well maintained and road surface, signage and markings in good condition.

**Approach from Malahide / M50 Roundabout to M1: Grade B.** A moderately littered route with sweet papers, cans, plastic bottles and coffee cups present. This loose litter took away from an otherwise well presented and maintained environment.

**Naul Road to Junction with R108: Grade B.** Much of this route was fresh in appearance but it was let down by a variety of litter in the lay-by areas (possibly 'plane spotting' opportunities). There was also a definite litter problem at another isolated area.

**Old Airport Road and Collinstown Lane: Grade A.** (from Swords Road Junction to Old Ballymun Road Junction). This site got the top litter grade, but only just. Care needs to be taken at the 'plane spotting' lay-bys as overflowing bins could become potential litter. The remainder of the environment was in good order.

**Old Ballymun Road to Junction with R122: Grade A.** Recently cut grass verges contributed to the positive impression created along this road. There was an absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.

**Port Tunnel from M1 to City Centre: Grade A.** The tunnel and toll plaza were excellent with regard to litter. Presentation and maintenance of same was excellent.

**R108: Grade B+.** This was a mixed site with regard to litter – most of the route was pristine but there was an area beside a gate with a definite litter presence.

**R132 Dublin Road from Cloghran Roundabout to Junction with Lakeshore Drive: Grade A.** A clean and tidy impression was created along this route.