

An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 1, 2018

Dublin Airport Environs: 4th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed.

Once again credit is due to the NRA and Fingal County Council for the cleanliness of the roads travelling to and from and around Dublin Airport – the overall impression is a very positive one. Many of the sites were not only free of litter but the presentation and maintenance was excellent. Some of the very top ranking sites in the area surrounding Dublin Airport included Swords Road from Airport, M50 Southbound from Airport and M1 to and from the Airport. Many of the roads surveyed had freshly cut grass and very good road surface, signage and markings.

St. Margaret's / Old Airport Approach from Swords: Grade A. Overall, a very good impression was created along this road – there was a virtual absence of litter but care needs to be taken at the area where people 'plane watch' to ensure it doesn't become littered.

M50 Southbound – from Airport: Grade A. Freshly cut grass verges and clean signage and road markings contributed to the very fresh appearance created along this route – it was excellent with regard to litter.

St. Margaret's Road from Cloghran Roundabout - Naul Road: Grade B. The litter was most pronounced at the entrance to the halting site close to Cloghran Roundabout and at the new parking area – a wide variety of litter was present.

Swords Road from Airport: Grade A. This road was immaculate. Not only was it very good with regard to litter but also very well maintained e.g. road and pavement surface were very clean, road markings were in good order and the traffic islands were weed free.

M50 - To M1 Exit from Blanchardstown: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this route – all areas were well maintained. Occasional litter items below the flyover but otherwise an excellent site.

Exit from Airport Roundabout to City M1 and M50: Grade A. All aspects of this road were in very good order –freshly cut grass verges, road surface / signage / markings and an absence of visible litter throughout.

M1 - from M50 to Airport Roundabout: Grade A. An excellent impression was created along both sides of this route with a complete absence of litter throughout.

M1 - to M50 from Airport: Grade A. Another very clean road with freshly cut grass verges. All aspects of the area surveyed were in very good order.

Parking area on approach to St. Margaret's Road from Cloghran Roundabout on Naul Road: Grade B. A freshly presented facility which was moderately littered – sweet papers, plastic bottles and heavy levels of cigarette butts.

Dublin Road: Grade A. (from Cloghran Roundabout to Airport Roundabout). A tidy impression was created travelling along this road with a virtual absence of litter throughout.