

Dun Laoghaire: 22nd out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

The public properties generally scored very well in this survey with plenty of top ranking sites e.g. DLR Lexicon & Environs, approach from Glasthule, York Road approach and Sea Walk to Sandycove. The Sea Walk to Sandycove and DLR Lexicon & Environs were exceptionally well presented and maintained. By far the two most heavily littered sites were on private property – a boarded up house at the top of York Road wasn't just casually littered but had been used as a dumping ground. The former school and adjacent car park at Eblana Avenue was generally very poor in terms of presentation and maintenance and was very heavily littered (as was the case in several previous surveys).

York Road Approach: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this road. There were a few incidents of graffiti on different surfaces e.g. litter bins. ESB type box etc. In Dun Laoghaire, graffiti was very much a feature at many of the sites surveyed.

Boarded up House at top of York Road: Grade D. (junction with Tivoli Road). Clearly this has suffered long-term neglect and abuse – it wasn't just littered but subject to dumping e.g. sacks of rubbish and furniture. This was all visible through the railings – some of the area was boarded up, but not all. Graffiti was pronounced on the hoarding.

Sea Walk from Dun Laoghaire Baths to Sandycove: Grade A. This was a lovely environment which was excellent with regard to litter. All aspects of the area surveyed were in very good order e.g. signage, seating, PE equipment, grass, etc. The level of seaweed on the grass was testament to the very high tides.

DL Harbour Car Park – bottom of Marine Road: Grade A. The approach and car park, just off the roundabout at junction of Marine Road / Train Station was in good order. The interior of the car park was very good with regard to litter. However, graffiti was very much a feature on various different walls throughout.

George's Street Lower: Grade B+. There were some pavement works taking place at a few separate areas but this didn't impact in any negative way on the litter situation. Some of the many closed down / vacant properties were in poor condition, creating a negative impression, as did the public telephone booth (is this still in operation?). Cigarette butts were pronounced throughout the street, with lower levels of loose items.

Approach from Glasthule: Grade A. A clean and tidy impression was created travelling along this route.

George's Street Upper: Grade A. The murals at three adjoining boarded up properties certainly makes a big difference to the presentation of same. The broken public telephone booth (x2) close to junction with Marine Road created a poor impression. Cigarette butts were pronounced at the base of one of the Big Solar Belly bins at an entrance to the shopping street. The remainder of this long shopping street was generally good with regard to litter and general presentation.

Former School Building and Car Park – Eblana Avenue: Grade C. The boarded up building and car park presented very poorly – not just heavily littered but very poor overall e.g. decommissioned barrier at entrance to car park was a complete mess. It was also characterised by discarded clothing, and a heavy level of litter throughout. There were several separate incidents of graffiti.

DLR Lexicon and Environs: Grade A. An exceptionally well presented and maintained environment. Not only was there a complete absence of litter throughout but all aspects of the area surveyed were in excellent order e.g. planting to the front of the building, bicycle parking, stairwells, water feature, etc. – it was excellent.

Link Road from Ballsbridge: Grade A. (coastal road) The overall impression created along this road was a very positive one. The Blackrock bypass was particularly freshly presented.