

Dublin Airport Environs: 25th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

A good result, with over half of the sites surveyed in this area top ranking, one very heavily littered and the remaining moderately littered. By far the most heavily littered site was the Lay-By on the right hand side of Naul Road, coming from Cloghran Roundabout. It wasn't just casually littered but had been subject to dumping and abuse. Top ranking sites included the Old Airport Road, Dublin Road and the approach to the M1 from the Airport Roundabout in the city direction – these routes were freshly presented and very well maintained.

Old Airport Road: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this well presented route. The overall impression was of a clean, tidy and well maintained environment. Any minor litter items were at the 'plane spotting' areas.

Lay-By on the right hand side – Naul Road, coming from Cloghran Roundabout: Grade D+. This was by far the most heavily littered site in the Environs of Dublin Airport. This fairly newly, and freshly presented environment wasn't just casually littered but subject to dumping and abuse. Items included discarded nappies / wipes. There were no visible litter awareness notices / litter bins in the immediate area.

Naul Road: Grade B. There was a definite litter presence along this road – items included face-masks, plastic bottles, sweet papers and fast-food wrappers.

Airport Roundabout Exit to turnoff for City / Belfast / Santry: Grade A. This site was very much deserving of the top litter grade. It was characterised by litter free kerbs / road surfaces and well attended grass verges / roundabout.

Approach to M1 from Airport Roundabout – City direction: Grade A. This stretch of road created an excellent impression with litter free road surfaces and well attended grass verges / trees. It was litter free on both sides of the road.

M50, from M1 turnoff from Airport – Southbound: Grade B. There was a mix of old and recent litter along this stretch. It was mostly found in the hedges and roadside on the passenger side. Much of the litter was food related but there was also some plastic wrapping.

Approach to Airport Roundabout from M1: Grade A. The Airport Roundabout appears to have been recently enhanced with greenery – it looked great. This stretch of road was spotless throughout

Dublin Road: Grade A. (from Cloghran roundabout to Boroimhe Road junction) Apart from some cigarette butts along the pavements, this site was excellent with regard to litter. It was noted that there was a very well maintained shrubbery area beside the Texaco garage, freshly presented and clear of litter.

Approach to M1 from M50 – Northbound: Grade A. There were no visible litter issues travelling along this road. The overall impression was a very positive one, a freshly presented route.

Swords Road: Grade B+. (from Airport Roundabout to junction with Old Airport Road). This site just missed getting the top litter grade. Plastic bottles, sweet papers and plastic wrapping were present, mostly in the hedges. The cycle-ways were clear of litter.