

Dublin Airport Environs: Joint 13th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

With travel very much back on the agenda since Covid restrictions were lifted, it is great that so many of the roads around Dublin Airport were deserving of the top litter grade. Significant improvement was noted at lay bys on the Naul Road – the overall presentation was much enhanced with good paving surface and the installation of new litter bins – while it was still somewhat littered it is certainly going in the right direction.

Official Lay Bys on Naul Road: Grade B. The overall presentation of this site was significantly improved with good paving surface and the installation of new litter bins. The heavy littering and dumping have been cleaned and the area has been attended to with recently cut grass. However, there was still a definite litter presence, mostly food-related.

Approach to Airport Roundabout from M1: Grade A. Excellent impression. Clean roadsides and recently cut grass. The overall impression was litter free on both sides of the road.

Approach to Cloghran Roundabout from Airside Retail Park - Dublin Road: Grade A. This site has frequently scored well in previous surveys – things were no different this time around. There was negligible litter, despite plenty of traffic throughout. The area was well attended, and bus stops were clear of litter.

Approach to M1 from M50: Grade A. There was a virtual absence of litter along this route.

Swords Road: Grade A. (from Old Airport Rd Junction to Airport Roundabout) Apart from very minor amounts of plastic bottles and coffee cups, this route presented very well. The overall impression was of a very well maintained environment with plenty of new litter bins, freshly cut grass. Any visible litter items were at a bus stop.

M1: Grade A. The grass verges had been recently cut, creating a well attended impression. There were no visible litter items along this stretch of road.

Old Airport Road: Grade C+. (from junction with Swords Road). This was by far the most heavily littered site in the area. While the main roadways were generally quite good with regard to litter, it was the improvised lay-bys which really brought down the litter grade – a wide variety of food related items were present, along with cigarette butts.

Approach to Long-term Car Park from Old Airport Road: Grade A. Road surface, markings and signage were all in very good order. The grasslands were litter free. The overall impression was an excellent one.

Dublin Road: Grade A. (from Dublin Airport Roundabout to Cloghran) Any minor litter items along this route were mostly to be seen at bus stops e.g. coffee cups / sweet wrappers.

R108 Approach: Grade A. (to St. Margaret's Road from Cloghran Roundabout) The new road surface looks great, creating a very fresh impression. The area was also enhanced by freshly cut grass – the overall impression was a tidy and welcoming one..