

North Inner City Dublin:

Overall, there was further improvement at North Inner City Dublin. As a general observation, there appears to be a greater emphasis on planting / on-street floral displays and dog fouling signage / poop and scoop facilities in several different locations surveyed e.g., Commons Street / Foley Street / Spencer Dock / Sean McDermott Street, Lower – it's not surprising that many of these sites had improved litter grades. Others included Ballybough Road, Charleville Mall and Rutland Street. Large investment / rejuvenation projects were noted at Railway Street and Sheriff Street Lower (between Commons Street and Amiens Street). Dumping was an issue at some of the survey sites e.g., Buckingham Street, Summerhill and Sean O'Casey Avenue. Significant dumping was noted at Junction of West Road and Ossary Road.

Commons Street: Grade A. A much-improved site compared to when first included in the IBAL surveys – not only was this street good with regard to litter, the area has been enhanced by recent on-street floral displays and shrubs / planters. Cigarette butts were very much a feature at the taxi rank.

Foley Street: Grade B+. The overall presentation was positive with street bins, bollards, paving, bicycle parking, etc. in good order. Newly installed dog fouling facilities were very fresh in appearance. With a little extra care and attention this could be a top-ranking site - the most obvious litter items were cigarette butts with lower levels of sweet papers and chewing gum.

Crinian Strand: Grade C. Crinian Strand has rarely been anything but heavily littered in the IBAL surveys – things were no different this time around. It wasn't just littered but subject to dumping of household items of suitcase, Peppa Pig pop-up-tent, cardboard, etc. were abandoned down the laneway (at the base of the large mural). Other, larger items (e.g., duvet) were placed on the pavement, beside the park. This site is well on its way to Grade D status.

Sheriff Street Lower: Grade B. This residential area was mixed in terms of presentation. Some parts were well attended and clean, others less so – litter items were obvious in the parking areas.

Grand Canal at Spencer Dock: Grade A. The overall impression created at this waterside amenity was a very positive one. The pathways were very good with regard to litter, tree planting / grass areas were in good order and the site was very much deserving of the top litter grade. Long-lie items were visible at the base of the canal, but the overall impression was a good one.

Sean McDermott Street, Lower: Grade B+. This is another street which has certainly benefited from on-street planters / floral displays. One building has hoarding saying 'The National centre for Research and Remembrance' – as a memorial to honour all those were resident in institutions. New Dog Fouling signage and facilities for the disposal of same have been erected. Some litter in basements. Overall, Sean McDermott Street, Lower, was a much cleaner site than when first included in IBAL surveys.

Buckingham Street, Upper: Grade C+. The side of the HSE Primary Care facility was very fresh along Buckingham Street Upper, with some wonderful low-lying planting. While some of the street looked clean, there were some areas behind railings at street level and several basements which harboured heavy levels of a wide variety of litter. Bags of rubbish had also been left beside one of the street bins. As with many of the other sites within the vicinity, there were Dog Fouling facilities, indicating that the Dog Poo Bags were FREE.

Summerhill: Grade C+. The impression at Summerhill was an untidy, littered one, pretty similar to many previous surveys. As well as lots of little pieces of items, some bags of rubbish had been discarded. Cigarette butts were very significant at car parking areas and outside shops.

North Circular Road Street: Grade B+. (from Dorset Street to junction with Belvedere Road). A much-improved site compared to many previous IBAL surveys. The large new building certainly contributes to the overall freshness of the area. There appeared to be some new 'DCC No Dumping CCTV' blue signage along this stretch. Hopefully this signage and changes to behaviour will continue to have the desired effect.

Aldborough Place: Grade C. Despite the bright colourful murals and works by local groups, the overall impression created here was a poor one – it wasn't just casually littered but subject to dumping of domestic and construction items. There was very clear 'No Dumping' signage.

Junction of West Road and Ossary Road: Grade D+ This site showed no improvement on previous IBAL surveys. The 'No Dumping, CCTV in Operation' signage had been covered in graffiti – this very much set the tone for this site. Casual littering and dumping had taken place, both recent and 'long-lie'. Much of the loose litter was alcohol related.

Portland Row: Grade B. Portland Row was characterised by fresh and recent scattered litter along the pavement and in some gardens, with other stretches freshly presented. The most obvious types were sweet papers, plastic bags and cigarette butts with lower levels of mineral cans and plastic bottles. Street bins, particularly the 'Big Belly' style were in good order – a bag of rubbish had been squeezed in between one of them and some Traffic Light Box Art.

Sherrard Street, Upper: Grade C. It's a few years since this site was included in the IBAL survey and there has been no notable improvement. The kerb was, literally, lined with all manner of litter, a mix of food and alcohol related. Entrance to a vacant property was also heavily littered.

Gardiner Street, Upper: Grade C+. Graffiti was pronounced on various surfaces e.g., lamp-posts / electricity boxes / black door / litter bins. There were moderate litter levels along the street with some parts cleaner than others. Various basements and vacant / boarded up properties presented poorly – some were not just littered but subject to dumping.

Ballybough Road: Grade A. A great score for Ballybough Road – the area has been enhanced by colourful flower boxes / tree planting / and colourful wall murals. When cigarette butts become the most obvious litter items, it certainly shows an absence / lack of other litter items.

Basements of 61, 62, 63, 64 and 65 Ballybough Road: Grade C. A mix of old and fresh litter, along with minor dumping create a very poor impression along this stretch of housing. While not obviously visible to passing motorists, such sites are only likely to encourage further littering / dumping by passing pedestrians.

Summerhill Parade: Grade B. One side of the road was quite good with regard to litter (i.e., the side with house-proud residents, where the front areas are frequently very well cared for). The side of the road with the shops was definitely littered – obvious items included dog-fouling throughout, cigarette butts, chewing gum and sweet wrappers. There didn't appear to be any visible dog-fouling notices / facilities for the disposal of same.

Charleville Mall: Grade A. Overall, this site was deserving of the top litter grade – a big improvement compared to a number of years ago. Dog fouling was still a feature along the pavement and there were minor litter items at the water's edge.

Misc Site: Steps to basement adjacent to Saint Vincent de Paul on Sean MacDermott Street: Grade C. There is a metal 'grille' over some of the steps, but not to the degree that it prevents litter items become lodged beneath – there were heavy levels of a wide variety of litter, mostly food and alcohol related, along and beneath the steps. It would seem that the owners / occupiers of this site need a more thorough approach to cleaning.

Rutland Street Lower: Grade A. This short residential road was very much deserving of the top litter grade with a virtual absence of litter throughout. There was minor litter in some basements but hopefully this won't be allowed to build up. Dog fouling was also a feature.

Annesley Place: Grade B. The overall impression along Annesley Place was improved on previous IBAL Surveys. Area had been enhanced by on street planters / floral displays, but graffiti was very much a feature on various surfaces. Main litter items were coffee cups and sweet papers, with lower levels of cigarette butts, plastic bags and mineral cans.

Sheriff Street Lower – between Commons Street and Amiens Street: Grade A. The bus parking area along this stretch of road was considerably improved. The overall impression is improved by tree

planting and the colourful hoarding at the site of re-development. There appears to be a 'tie-in' with the local community based on wall murals e.g., 'Sheriff St as imagined by local children'.

Sean O'Casey Avenue: Grade C+. This residential area had shifted from heavily littered status by the end of 2022 but has slipped back again. There was a general untidy, littered impression throughout. The presentation of the individual homes was mixed – some were very tidy and well attended, others less so and littered. The area immediately surrounding the graffiti on the black surface was particularly poorly presented and subject to dumping.

Railway Street: Grade B. Development continues apace at what was historically a heavily littered site over many years of IBAL surveys. Even the boulders were brightly painted. This time around there were loose litter items and not the previous levels of dumping – litter was most obvious closer to Beaver Street.

James Joyce Street: Grade B+. Based on the signage / obvious works taking place there is a new park on its way 'James Joyce Park'. Much of the street was very good with regard to litter – it was let down by litter at the old end of Foley Street on approach to Store Street. Dog fouling was also very obvious. Cigarette butts were significant in the floral displays / on-street planters – perhaps a dedicated cigarette butt litter notice / dedicated butt unit facilities could help here.