

Dublin Airport Environs: 26th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.

It is disappointing to see this gateway to Ireland lose its clean status and it is important that this be rectified. Just four out of the ten sites surveyed were clean and there is plenty of opportunity for those sites which just missed out to improve their grade e.g. Old Airport Road, Swords Road and Dublin Road. Airport Roundabout and immediate Environs were presented and maintained very well, creating a positive first impression for any visitors to the country arriving by plane. By far the most heavily littered site was the Lay-By as you travel to Naul – despite the well-presented environment and the provision of litter bins, a very casual attitude to litter has prevailed.

M50 approach to M1 from Junction 4: Grade A. A heavily trafficked route, with a virtual absence of litter throughout, minor items on the grass / passenger side of the road.

M1 approach to Dublin Airport from Dublin City: Grade A. The overall impression along this route was a good with freshly cut grass verges and well attended flower beds. Lush vegetation was attractively maintained.

Swords Road: Grade B+. (from Airport Roundabout to junction with Old Airport Road) This was a mixed route in terms of overall presentation and litter. Much of the route was excellent but it was let down by some fresh litter at the gates to the service area immediately at turnoff for Airport Roundabout and minor items at some bus stops. Litter included sweet papers, mineral cans, coffee cups and cigarette butts.

Old Airport Road: Grade B. All of the visible litter along this road was food related. It was mostly recently dropped items, on the passenger side of the road was one leaves Swords Road junction. Longer lie items were also present at various gates opposite the airport – the level was such that it could quickly become a seriously littered site.

Improvised Lay-By on Old Airport Road: Grade C+. This was one of the more heavily littered sites included in 'Dublin Airport Environs'. While not seemingly as heavily littered as previous surveys there was still a heavy presence, mostly food related, along with cigarette butts.

Airport Roundabout and environs: Grade A. A very freshly presented environment and a welcoming one, creating a positive first impression of the area for any arriving visitors. Colourful planting and sculpture were freshly presented – all in all, this site was very much deserving of the top litter grade.

Dublin Road: Grade B. (from Airport Roundabout to Cloghran Roundabout) This site has been littered in many previous IBAL surveys, with little change this time around. Litter was mostly found in the grass verges / hedges at the pedestrian facilities.

Dublin Road - from Cloghran Roundabout to Junction with approach to Airside Road: Grade A. This route was very much deserving of the top litter grade. The overall impression was of a well maintained and litter free environment with clean pavements / walkways.

Naul Road: Grade B+. A variety of food related items (coffee cups, plastic bottles, mineral cans and sweet wrappers), along with some plastic bags, took away from an otherwise freshly presented environment. With a little extra care and attention this could be a top-ranking site.

Lay-By, as you travel to Naul: Grade C+. It would seem that quite a casual attitude to litter has prevailed at this site. The area has been freshly presented, with a couple of litter bins provided and yet they are not being used. A wide variety of food related litter, along with heavy levels of cigarette butts were present.