Dublin Airport Environs: 13th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

A welcome improvement for Dublin Airport Environs as the peak tourist season commences, with nine out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade. One of these sites included the Public Layby, Naul Road – previously heavily littered – this time around it was very much deserving of the top litter grade. The one heavily littered site was an improvised Layby on Collinstown Lane. This needs to be addressed.

Approach to Airport Roundabout from M1: Grade A. A very welcoming impression was created along this route. It was clean, litter free, with freshly cut grass. Road surfaces were excellent.

M1 Approach to Airport from M50: Grade A. There were no visible litter issues along this busy route. Recently cut grass verges presented well.

M50 Approach to M1: Grade A. This was an exceptionally freshly presented route – all aspects were in very good condition, with an absence of litter throughout.

Public layby, Naul Road: Grade A. What a transformation! This site had been noted as heavily littered in previous IBAL surveys – not so this time around. The two 'Big Belly' style bins were in good condition with illustrative signage asking the public not to feed the birds. The experience of IBAL shows that once a site is clean, it is a much easier task to keep it clean. Hopefully this will prove to be the case at this site.

R108, by Long Term Car Park: Grade A. This route made a very good impression with an overall clean and litter free impression.

R132 Swords Road: Grade A. Some road markings were faint (e.g. SLOW) but overall, this road was very good in terms of litter. Bus stop areas / traffic islands etc. were clear of litter.

Dublin Road - from Cloghran Roundabout: Grade A. (to Airport Roundabout) Very good impression was created along this route, with litter free roadsides and traffic islands and bus stops.

Dublin Airport Roundabout: Grade A. An excellent first impression for any visitors arriving to Ireland. All aspects of this busy roundabout were very good order.

Dublin Road, R132 from Cloghran Roundabout: Grade A. (to Airside turnoff) There were no visible litter issues throughout this large site – all aspects were in good order .e.g. road surface / markings / signage and the grass verges were litter free.

Improvised Layby on Collinstown Lane: Grade C. This was the only heavily littered site surveyed in the immediate area of Dublin Airport. It's been highlighted before in previous IBAL surveys, with little change to overall litter status. Some of the litter appeared 'long-lie' indicating a lack of thorough cleaning for some time.