

An Taisce Report - IBAL Anti-Litter League, Survey 1, 2025

Ballymun: 35th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.

A steady result for Ballymun. Major enhancement works have taken place in front of Axis / Civic Centre, resulting in a lovely environment to relax / take a few moments to pause – this area was looked very well and is a great addition to Ballymun. Ballymun Road was adorned with an abundance of large planter boxes / tree planting, very welcome along this stretch. Longdale Terrace had been heavily littered in previous IBAL surveys - not so, this time around. Former entrances to Ballymun Towers and the shops at Balbutcher Lane were heavily littered. Yet again, the Bring Facility at Shangan Road – the sole litter blackspot - was heavily abused / dumped upon.

Coultry Gardens: Grade A. The overall impressions at this site was a good one with a virtual absence of litter throughout. Cigarette butts were a feature, but not in huge quantities.

M50 Approach form Dublin Airport: Grade A. There were minor specks of litter along this heavily trafficked / fast moving route. Overall impression was a very good one.

Bring Facility, Shangan Road: Grade D+. The area to the front of the units was reasonably well presented with bin units and signage associated with the use of same in good order and minimal litter items. The area to the rear told a completely different story. As well as a pile of clear glass alcohol bottles, there was significant dumping, all manner of miscellaneous / household items. This presents very poorly and will only further deteriorate if not addressed.

Shops at Balbutcher Lane: Grade C. (adjacent to Poppintree Lane). This site presents poorly with heavy levels of sweet papers / cigarette butts and lower levels of coffee cups, plastic bottles and mineral cans. Litter lined the footpath and road surfaces.

Longdale Terrace: Grade A. The residential area of Longdale Terrace had been heavily littered in previous IBAL surveys – not so, this time around. The overall presentation was good, with road signage, tree planting, road / pavement surfaces in good order.

Entrances to former Ballymun Towers, Balbutcher Lane: Grade C. There was nice use of floral displays at these sites. However, there was significant dumping, not just litter but large scale items / household items. Not all of the entrances had been dumped upon, but where it had taken place, it was severe.

Ballymun Road: Grade A. There was nice use of floral displays along this main thoroughfare. The overall impression was a fresh and welcoming one with no obvious litter issues throughout. A local 'Clean-Up' was underway at time of IBAL survey.

Axis / Civic Centre: Grade A. This public space was looking particularly well after recent enhancement works. The paving was spotless, grasslands, planting, seating were all in very good condition. There was a complete absence of litter throughout the area surveyed.

Lidl: Grade B+. Much of this site was in good order and there was a nice use of planters / shrubbery around the perimeter / near the entrance. Litter in the trolley bays took away from an otherwise well presented environment. Not much effort is required for the top litter grade.

Ballymun Fitness Centre: Grade B. Main litter items were cigarette butts, sweet papers and plastic bags, primarily in a corner of the entrance area and trapped between the iron grills at the entrance. Area was enhanced by large and colourful planter boxes.