

**Dublin Airport Environs: 29<sup>th</sup> out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.**

With only five top-ranking sites, Dublin Airport Environs has not scored as highly as we have come to expect of this area – disappointing given the peak tourist season will soon be upon us. The presence of a litter blackspot will always bring down the ranking – the latter was at Improvised car parking & environs adjacent to Coachman's Inn – there were literally bags and bags of rubbish, as well as heavy levels of loose litter. Improvised Lay-by on Old Airport Road and Kilreesk Road both harboured significant levels of loose litter. Importantly, the M1 approach was clean.

**Improvised car parking & environs adjacent to Coachman's Inn: Grade D.** This site was not so much littered as heavily dumped upon, over a prolonged period of time. There were literally bags and bags of rubbish, as well as heavy levels of loose litter. Items were a mix of recent and 'long-lie', indicating a lack of thorough cleaning for quite some time.

**R132 Dublin Road approach: Grade A.** Road surface, signage and markings were freshly presented and the overall impression as a very good one with regards to litter. The new and numerous litter bins at the various bus stops were looking very well.

**Lay-by at Forest Little: Grade B.** The main litter issue at this 'plane spotters' site is cigarette butts, with lower levels of chewing gum and sweet wrappers. Pictorial signage on the large Big Belly bin asks members of the public not to feed the birds – perhaps there could be extra signage reminding them that cigarette butts are litter?

**Improvised Lay-By on Old Airport Road: Grade C+.** (known as 'The Mound' on google maps). Another area which is popular with plane spotters, this was characterised by heavy levels of a wide variety of food related litter. There was a minor improvement compared to previous IBAL surveys, but not significant enough to shift from Grade C+ status.

**Kilreesk Road: Grade C+.** This road was characterised by a very heavy and persistent litter presence. Based on the narrow nature of the road, it's unlikely that it was caused by pedestrians.

**R108 at St. Margaret's: Grade A.** Grasslands were tidy and the overall impression along this busy road was that it was a clean one.

**Approach to Blue Long Term Car Park: Grade A.** As with previous IBAL surveys, this road was very much deserving of the top litter grade. It was a clean and welcoming site.

**Old Airport Road: Grade B+.** The overall impression created at this busy route was quite a good one but there were too many small items (sweet papers / cardboard) at the junction for other approaches.

**Dublin Road: Grade A.** The traffic islands / bus stops / bicycle lanes and grasslands all presented very well and were excellent with regards to litter.

**Approach to Airport from M1: Grade A.** All was in very good order along this route, creating a welcoming impression for any visitors. Grass verges were freshly cut and there were no visible litter issues.