

## **An Taisce Report – IBAL Anti-Litter League, Round 1, 2018**

**Dundalk: 22<sup>nd</sup> out of 40 towns / cities. Clean to European Norms.**

Another improved performance from Dundalk - there were six top ranking sites. Particularly good sites included Dundalk Grammar School, Dunnes Stores Car Park, Dundalk Recycle Centre and Dundalk Town Centre – the streetscape here was particularly fresh in appearance and it was pristine throughout. Dundalk Institute of Technology was moderately littered – purely because of the prevalence of cigarette butts – if these were addressed it would be a top ranking site. Cigarette butts have been an issue at Dundalk IT in previous surveys. A former garage site on the road from Dublin presented poorly and was by far the most heavily littered site surveyed.

**Dundalk Train Station: Grade B.** The overall presentation of this train station was very good with platform, railway tracks and car park generally in good order. What brought down the litter grade was the litter in the shrubbery area – primarily cigarette butts and sweet papers, with lower levels of cans and fast-food wrappers.

**Dundalk Institute of Technology: Grade B.** The campus was in pristine condition – bar the very high level of cigarette butts, as per many previous IBAL surveys. The grounds were carefully maintained with grass, low lying shrubbery, seating areas, paving etc. all in excellent condition.

**Dundalk Grammar School: Grade A.** This was an excellent site. The whole area was very well presented and there was a complete absence of litter throughout. Clearly, this is a very well respected environment.

**Dunnes Stores Car Park: Grade A.** The car park surface / markings / signage were in very good condition and the overall presentation of this car park was a very fresh one. The area surveyed was spotless throughout.

**Approach from Newry: Grade A.** A clean and well presented road into Dundalk. Along one of the road there was an attractively paved recessed area, with some seating – this area was spotless. Cycle path and road were in very good order.

**Dundalk Recycle Centre: Grade A.** As with many previous IBAL litter surveys this was a top ranking site. Clearly the centre staff of this 'managed' facility are extremely attentive – it was pristine.

**Dundalk Town Centre: Grade A.** This was an excellent site. The streetscape looked very fresh with paving, street bins, signage etc. all in very good order – it was pristine throughout.

**Castleblaney Approach Road: Grade B.** A moderately littered road into Dundalk which passes through some terraced housing. Plastic bags, fast-food wrappers, cans and sweet papers were all present, with heavy levels of cigarette butts.

**Dundalk Football Club: Grade A.** The entrance and area immediately surrounding it were in very good order. It was a clean, tidy and well presented environment.

**Derelict Garage on road from Dublin: Grade C** This site presents poorly. An air of neglect prevails and litter has started to accumulate on the grounds – a wide variety of food related litter was present.

**N52 / M1 Drogheda – Dundalk Link Road: Grade B.** The overall impression of this road was somewhat littered. A wide variety of food related litter was present.