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**Ref: M1/1025 Recent motion from South Dublin County Council.**

Dear Sirs

Your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> October refers. Thank you for your recent correspondence, the contents of which are duly noted. Our response is set out below.

An Taisce have been conducting litter surveys on behalf of Irish Business Against Litter for 20+ years. When undertaking the surveys, in order to get a representative sample of an area, we endeavor to cover a wide variety of location types – these can include approach roads, town Centre, main shopping street, bus / train station, public park, riverwalk / promenade, residential, shopping centers, bring / recycle facilities, car parks, heritage / amenity etc.

Ideally Grade C and Grade D sites are re-visited to see if there's been any improvement on previous visit - this can be an effective way to focus attention on particular sites. Experience has shown that once a site scores well, it's more likely to stay clean / litter free.

As well as the owner / occupier of a site being legally responsible for keeping their area clean / clear of litter, they also need to keep any area which is 'visible from a public place' clean.

We don't believe that excluding any particular location type, in this instance, small social housing, serves the integrity of the IBAL survey.

[Litter Pollution Act, 1997](#)

Yours sincerely,



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