

Update on litter grading and reporting mechanisms

The methodology of grading litter and the reporting mechanisms can be found in the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse which can be found using the following link:

[Code of practice on litter and refuse \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

Specifically, Section 7 sets out the grades of cleanliness as defined in the original Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse issued under Section 89(7) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and also includes helpful photographs that demonstrate how streets are graded.

In respect of whether grade B litter includes out of town streets, we can confirm that the same grading principles are applied to all streets, regardless of their location. For further information, a random selection of streets are inspected/graded A – D for both litter and detritus and this feeds into the department's performance indicators.