

Guidelines on the Erection and Removal of Election Posters

Posters can be erected up to 30 days before the polling date **or** from the date the Minister makes the Order for the holding of the poll, whichever is the **shorter** period. Posters and ties must be removed within 7 days after polling day.

With arrangements for the 2024 Local Elections now set, the Minister clarified the time period during which candidates can exhibit election posters. Candidates can only erect posters from 8th May 2024, which is 30 days before the polling date. Election posters this year must be removed by midnight on 14th June.

Please note that any breaches of the above may result in fines being issued in accordance with the Litter Pollution Acts.

Further guidelines

Posters must not be erected as follows:

- a. on lamp standards with overhead line electricity feed,
- b. on traffic signal poles,
- c. on bridge parapets, overpasses and on pedestrian bridges
- d. on roundabouts
- e. on roadside traffic barriers
- f. on traffic poles or statutory signage of any type including stop, yield, cycle track, parking control, etc.
- g. on Motorways
- h. must not obstruct the view of traffic lights or road signs,
- i. must not block or obstruct motorists view of pedestrians, i.e. pedestrian barriers, or railings or motorists view of other traffic.
- j. on the grass verges/median on the N11.
- k. Posters must not be within 100 metres of any polling station.

There should be a minimum clearance of 2.5 metres from the lower edge of any poster to ground level on footpaths and 3.2 metres on cycle lanes and no posters should be placed higher than 6.5 metres from the ground.

Election posters that do not comply with these conditions or that are erected on Council property prior to the declaration of an election will be removed by the Council. In the event of a breach of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 – 2009, prosecutions may be initiated.