

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.

2024 Local Election Posters

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.

Instructions for erecting posters:

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.

Under electoral legislation a poster must have on its face the name and address of the printer and of the publisher on the poster. The omission of the name and address of the printer and publisher is an offence.

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.

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.

Legislation

As per Section 19(7) of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended, any poster still in place after 14th June 2024 will be deemed a litter offence and a fine will be issued by the Environmental Enforcement Warden. The relevant candidate and/or party will be

informed of the fine in writing and the location of the poster(s) and asked to remove the poster(s) within 5 days of the date of the fine.

If the poster is still in place after 5 days, a second fine may be issued

Election posters removed by the Council & relevant fines

If a poster is in breach of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended, and is up either more than 30 days before the Local Elections or more than 7 days after the Local Elections the fine is €150.

If a poster is removed by the Council due to it being in a location that is not permitted there is a charge of €5 per poster for the return of the poster.

Collection of election posters removed by the Council

Posters removed during the 30-day period will be held by the Council in the Dundrum Area Office and returned when the relevant fines have been paid.

Any posters not retrieved from the Dundrum Area Office by 12th July will be shredded.