

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **NAAS**  
County : **KILDARE**  
Category : **F**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 10-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	31
The Built Environment	40	32	32
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	23
Litter Control	40	19	21
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	26	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>200</b>

## **Naas, County Kildare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your completed application form and information leaflet. Unfortunately you omitted to include the mandatory three to five year development plan. This is a particularly important document for a town like Naas which is undergoing major changes regarding new residential areas, industrial expansion and indeed, urban renewal.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

As with any major urban centre Naas has a wide and varied built environment. A number of premises within the urban district centre are to be commended including The Ivy Inn, Rushes Lounge, and Sarah Floods. St. Patrick's Community College also looked well as did Graces Lounge. In addition, the Court House looks well, however the front pillars require repainting. Some premises require attention eg. Tina's Pets. The building beside Mattimoes detracts from the overall positive impression of the street and needs to be upgraded. Lawlors Hotel looked very well, however the Red 'Lawlors' sign was not in keeping with the overall character of the building. The Georgian house opposite Lawlors is an exceptionally fine premises and should be further enhanced by repainting it. McDonnells looks very well and a number of bins were noted outside. Information Point outside the TSB looks well as does the outdoor furniture in this area but some need to be repainted.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Donnelly Mirrors on the Dublin Road is nicely landscaped with suitable tree planting along the main road. Attention to detail in new estates, i.e. clearing cut grass and weeding kerbsides can further enhance the clean impression of these new residential areas. Brú na Riogh Estate and Gleann na Riogh are well maintained and landscaped. The flowerbeds at the base of mature trees outside Dara Blinds added a welcome splash of colour to the Main Street. The Harbour Hotel was very well presented and well painted. The grounds of An Post are attractive as is the exterior stonewall. Monread Estate also looked well but some graffiti was noted on estate signs. Oldtown Rise is also to be commended as it displayed native trees and well cut back grass. The new residences at Millbridge Avenue are also very well presented. The intermittent hanging baskets along the Main Street are an attractive feature as is the array of colourful window boxes outside McDonnell's.

### **WIDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Railway Line Walk Monument is tastefully landscaped. The park is suitably aligned with native trees and the grass is coming on well. Perhaps the addition of outdoor furniture and bins would enhance this amenity. Creepers were also noted on the boundary wall of the adjoining estate. This is a highly commendable amenity and is an asset to the locality.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

Despite the presence of a large number of black bins in the Main Street area a lot of litter is present. A scattering of litter was also noted outside Hennessys/Statoil on the Sallins Road and on the roadside at the Harbour Hotel. Quite a lot of litter was present in the area adjacent to Naas Cycle Centre and in the Naas Industrial Estate.

## **TIDINESS**

Unfortunately, there was quite a lot of fly-posting in Naas urban centre and along approach roads which conveyed an untidy appearance. Some inappropriate signs were on display in the town centre e.g. Finans and there were others. There is an opportunity for landscaping in the carpark area of the Kildare County Council, which is, at present quite untidy. Naas Cycle Centre looks well; however the sheds and back yards in the vicinity were unattractive.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The new apartments at the Craddockstown roundabout were well presented and the judges look forward to the completion of landscaping in the front area. Elmwood also looked well however, the area by the roadside was quiet overgrown. Woodlands Paddocks, Alderwood Park and Craddockstown Park were all satisfactory. Other residential areas have been commended in the landscaping section.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The church grounds were neat and tidy on the day of adjudication. The Dublin approach road is quite well cut back and a considerable amount of construction work was noted in this area. The other approach roads to Naas are also satisfactory. In the Naas Industrial Estate the quality of paths is very poor and roadsides are overgrown. The wall at the entrance to the industrial estate needs to be repainted. It was pleasing to note recycling bins outside Tesco and Kildare County Council buildings. The roads around the hospital looked well as did the outdoor furniture in the Park.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Naas is a thriving town currently experiencing urban and residential expansion. A great deal of effort is evident

particularly regarding the landscaping of the central business district with hanging baskets and window boxes.