

Project: Dublin CC Accessibility Audits

Job No: 23399



Use Type: Public Park

Auditor: N Williamson

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Capita Ref: 058

Name: Beech Hill

Address: South East

Section 1: Approach Routes & Street Furniture

REF	QUESTION	Y/N	LOCATION	RECOMMENDATION	QTY	PHOTO REF	PRIORITY	COSTS
1.1	Is the park easy to find?	No	surrounding area	<p>The park is quite difficult to find. Therefore, provide suitable signage offering directions to the main entrance. Directional signs should be suitably positioned to allow persons approaching from all directions to see them easily. For medium range location and direction signs the text height should be a minimum of 60mm. The background of the general signboard should be white and the text should be black or dark blue.</p> <p>Please refer to BS 8300 'Table 5 and 6' and NDA Buildings for Everyone for further information regarding text size and colour contrast.</p>	1		1	€1,500
1.2	Is the park within convenient walking distance of: Public Highway, Public Transport, Car Parking?	No		<p>The park is not within convenient walking distance of public transport. This may present difficulties for disabled persons relying on public transport in order to reach the park. Raise this item with the local authority and public transport company to discuss the feasibility of providing a bus stop nearer the entrance.</p>	1		4	€0

1.3	Is the surrounding approach routes level?	No		The approach route is generally level. However, there are kerbs at main crossing points that will present a hazard to persons using a wheelchair and to ambulant disabled persons. Therefore, provide suitable dropped kerbs with colour contrasting blister tactile paving to the following locations: Either side of Beech Hill Ave at the Beech Hill Drive End	1	1	2	€2,000
1.4	Are the approach routes minimum 1.8m wide?	Yes						
1.5	Are approach route surfaces even and slip resistant?	No	main entrances area	The surface of the access route may not be suitable for persons using a wheelchair. Resurface the access route surface to provide a slip resistant and reasonably smooth surface.	1	2	2	€1,500
1.6	Do approaches to crossovers have the necessary contrasting tactile surfaces and dropped kerbs?	No		refer to 1.3				
1.7	Is the approach route to the park entrances clearly signed?	No		The signage at the entrances of the park is unsuitable. Many entrances do not have signage or the existing signage is dated and worn. Provide suitable signage at all entrances offering the opening and closing times etc. The background of the general signboard should be white and the text should be black or dark blue. Please refer to BS 8300 'Table 5' and 'Table 6' and NDA buildings for everyone for full details.	1	1	1	€500
1.8	Is the approach route to the park suitably lit (if park operates after dark)?	Yes						

1.9	Is the approach route to the park entrances free of hazards such as bollards, litter bins etc?	Yes						
1.10	Is there a designated drop-off point close to a park entrance to allow disabled visitors arriving at the park in vehicles to be safely dropped-off? Is it well signed/marked out?	No	Beech Hill Ave	There is no designated drop off point provided for this building. Subject to an assessment of need, consider the benefit of providing suitable road markings and signage to designate a drop off point. Consultation with the local roads authority may be required. 1No. dropped kerbs will also be required at the drop off point.	1		2	€1,500

Section 3: Park Entrances

REF	QUESTION	Y/N	LOCATION	RECOMMENDATION	QTY	PHOTO REF	PRIORITY	COSTS
3.1	Is the park entrance(s) easy to find, well signed and clearly distinguishable from the façade?	No		refer to 1.7				
3.2	Is there suitable signage to the main entrance(s) of the park indicating what facilities are available to assist visitors with a disability (i.e. accessible routes, parking, toilets etc)?	No		refer to 1.7				
3.3	Is there level access to park entrances?	Yes						
3.4	Are park entrances wide enough for all users (minimum 800mm)?	Yes						
3.5	If operated by the public, are park gate handles/controls easy to use and at a suitable height for use by visitors standing or seated?	N/A						

Section 4: Horizontal Circulation Routes

REF	QUESTION	Y/N	LOCATION	RECOMMENDATION	QTY	PHOTO REF	PRIORITY	COSTS
4.1	Are circulation routes within the park at least 1800mm wide (or have regular 1800mm wide passing zones)?	No		refer to 4.2				
4.2	Are surfaces even and slip resistant?	No		There are currently no paths in the football area of the park. Provide paths throughout the park linking the entrance, football area, and the pavilion. Ensure that path is slip resistant and has a reasonably smooth surface. Also, ensure that the existing paths are smooth and even.	1	2,4	2	€30,000
4.3	Is park signage suitably positioned, sized and with necessary colour/tonal contrast between letters and background? Is there alternative pictorial signage indicating key park features/warnings etc?	N/A						
4.4	Is adequate seating with armrests provided in larger parks?	N/A						
4.5	Does the park allow general movement to all areas; accessible paths, accessible gates, segregation of pedestrians from vehicles?	Yes						
4.6	Are circulation routes kept free of debris, foliage, overgrown plants/shrubs etc?	No		Ensure that all pathways are kept clear of debris/mud/overgrown grass etc to assist persons with visual and mobility impairments.	1		4	€0