

Project: Dublin CC Accessibility Audits

Job No: 23399



Use Type: Public Park

Auditor: N Williamson

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Capita Ref: 001

Name: Belcamp Park

Address: North Central

**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		The park is quite difficult to find. However, it would appear that the park is only used by local who will have knowledge of its locations. No recommendation is being made to provide directional signage in this instance.				€0
1.2	Is the park within convenient walking distance of: Public Highway, Public Transport, Car Parking?	Yes						
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 Clonshaugh Heights, Clonshaugh Meadow and Clonshaugh Close at the Clonshaugh Park end. Also provide a crossover on Clonshaugh Park adjacent the main entrance leading to the tennis courts.	4	1,19	2	€6,000
1.4	Are the approach routes minimum 1.8m wide?	Yes						



1.5	Are approach route surfaces even and slip resistant?	Yes						
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.	8		1	€4,000
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	Clonshaugh Park	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.	1	19	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)?	No		At present a number of the entrances around the park are unsuitable for wheelchair users. The gates do not offer a sufficient width or circulation space to allow wheelchair access to the entrances. Provide suitable gates to the 5No.entrances. Ensure that the new gates have a minimum opening width of 800mm to assist wheelchair users. If the new gates are to be a kissing gate design ensure that the circulation space is 1500mm x 1500mm square to assist wheelchair users. Also, ensure that all the new agates are colour contrasting.	5	3,5,7,14,16	1	€10,000
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?	Yes						



**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)?	Yes						
4.2	Are surfaces even and slip resistant?	No		The surface of the pathways in the park may not be suitable for persons using walking aids or wheelchair users. Resurface the surface of the pathway parallel Clonshaugh Road to provide a slip resistant and reasonably smooth surface. Also provide pathways at the entrance opposite the end of Clonshaugh Heights, resurface the area opposite Clonshaugh Meadow, resurface the entrance from Clonshaugh Road and resurface the pathway leading to the Heath Centre at the rear of the park.	5	3,5,6,7,10	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?	No		Directional signage is unsuitable for persons with a visual impairment. Therefore, provide suitable signage offering directions throughout the park. 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.  Please refer to BS 8300 'Table 5 & 6' f and also NDA Buildings for Everyone for details.	1		1	€1,500



4.4	Is adequate seating with armrests provided in larger parks?	No		Provide a bench/seating with suitable arm supports throughout the park to assist ambulant disabled persons.	5		3	€7,500
4.5	Does the park allow general movement to all areas; accessible paths, accessible gates, segregation of pedestrians from vehicles?	No		refer to 4.2				
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	9	4	€0

#### Section 6: Activity Spaces

REF	QUESTION	Y/N	LOCATION	RECOMMENDATION	QTY	PHOTO REF	PRIORITY	COSTS
6.1	Is there suitable access to all park activity spaces for all visitors i.e. suitable paths to play areas, sports pitches, picnic areas etc?	Yes						
6.2	Are play areas fenced with gates of minimum 800mm wide and appropriately signed?	Yes						
6.3	Do play areas have rubberised safety surfaces (or similar safety surfaces)?	No		The surface of the play park is not suitable for wheelchair users. Provide a rubberized surface that will assist wheelchair users.	1	12	1	€20,000
6.4	Do play areas have a mixture of equipment to allow opportunities for all abilities and encourage independence?	No	playpark	The play park facilities are a dated. Provide new facilities in the play park that will encourage independence and be suitable for a range of abilities.	1	12	2	€25,000



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<b>6.5</b>	Is there suitable access to seating within the play area and is it suitable for use by all (i.e. colour/tonal contrast, armrests)?	No	refer to 4.4
<b>6.6</b>	Is there sufficient space around individual equipment to allow wheelchair access?	Yes	
<b>6.7</b>	Do all steps to equipment incorporate handrails?	N/A	
<b>6.8</b>	Is there good colour/tonal contrast between equipment and background?	Yes	

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