

Project: Dublin CC Accessibility Audits

Job No: 23399



Use Type: Public Park

Auditor: B Taggart

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Capita Ref: 046

Name: Cabbage Garden

Address: South East

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**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	Approaches from Kevin St, New St South & New Bridge St	The park is quite difficult to find as it is situated within a housing estate. Provide signage on approach as the park contains a small historic graveyard which may be of interest to visitors.	4	1,4,10	2	€1,500
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?	Yes						
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?	Yes						

1.7	Is the approach route to the park entrances clearly signed?	No	4 principal entrances	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 etc.	4	1,2,4	2	€1,500
				Please refer to BS 8300 'Table 5' and 'Table 6' and NDA buildings for everyone for further guidance.				
1.8	Is the approach route to the park suitably lit (if park operates after dark)?	N/A						
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?	Yes						

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**Section 2: Car Parking**

REF	QUESTION	Y/N	LOCATION	RECOMMENDATION	QTY	PHOTO REF	PRIORITY	COSTS
2.1	Is there accessible car parking within the park or in close proximity of the park for use by disabled visitors?	No	Park entrances	There are no parking facilities provided within the park for visitors. There are, however sufficient car parking spaces within the adjacent housing estates. Consult with the roads department regarding providing 2 accessible car parking spaces within the housing estate. Accessible parking spaces to be marked out 4.8m x 2.4m with a 1.2m transfer zone to the side and rear. The designated spaces should be positioned as close to the entrance of the park as possible. Suitable high level signage (incorporating the international symbol for access) should accompany the designated space to help limit misuse of the accessible parking space.	2	10	1	€3,000
2.2	Is the accessible car parking space(s) 4.8m long by 2.4m wide with 1.2m side and rear transfer zones (6.0m x 2.4m with 900mm rear transfer zone for parallel parking bays)?	N/A						
2.3	Is the accessible car parking surface smooth, even and free from loose stones?	N/A						
2.4	Is it adequately lit (if park is open after dark)?	N/A						

2.5 Is there a sufficient number of accessible parking bays to meet the requirements of the park (1 space per 25 standard spaces; 3 spaces per 25-50 standard spaces; 5 spaces per 50-100 standard spaces)? No Refer to 2.1

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**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?	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?	Yes						
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		No requirement for directional signage within the park due to its small size and lack of facilities. No action.		6,9		
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?	No	Football Area	There is a small football area within the park which has only one accessible gate which was locked at the time of the audit. Management to ensure this gate can be accessed by disabled visitors to ensure access for all.	1	8	4	€0
4.6	Are circulation routes kept free of debris, foliage, overgrown plants/shrubs etc?	Yes						

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**Section 5: Vertical Circulation Routes**

REF	QUESTION	Y/N	LOCATION	RECOMMENDATION	QTY	PHOTO REF	PRIORITY	COSTS
5.1	Are there visual and tactile warnings (i.e. cord rib) at top and bottom of steps?	N/A						
5.2	Are there suitable handrails each side and do they extend 300mm beyond top and bottom of stair?	N/A						
5.3	Is lighting adequate and well positioned (if park opens after dark)?	Yes						
5.4	Are treads and risers uniform?	N/A						
5.5	Are stair nosings identifiable?	N/A						
5.6	Are landings big enough and provided at intermediate levels in a long flight?	N/A						

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**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?	No		Refer to 4.5		8		

<b>6.2</b>	Are play areas fenced with gates of minimum 800mm wide and appropriately signed?	Yes
<b>6.3</b>	Do play areas have rubberised safety surfaces (or similar safety surfaces)?	N/A
<b>6.4</b>	Do play areas have a mixture of equipment to allow opportunities for all abilities and encourage independence?	N/A
<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)?	N/A
<b>6.6</b>	Is there sufficient space around individual equipment to allow wheelchair access?	N/A
<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?	N/A