

Project: Dublin CC Accessibility Audits

Job No: 23399



Use Type: Public Park

Auditor: N Williamson

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Capita Ref: 035

Name: Clontarf Promenade

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?	Yes						
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?	No		Approaches to crossovers on the pedestrian pavement do not have suitable tactile warning for persons with a visual impairment. Therefore, provide contrasting tactile blister paving to the following crossovers to provide suitable guidance and warning to persons with a visual impairment: either side of all car park entrances and exits and at the crossover at the Bull Wall	11	1,7,8,10,11,12,1 3,23	2	€8,000

1.7	Is the approach route to the park entrances clearly signed?	No	all entrance areas	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	€5,000
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?	No		There are hazardous obstructions on the approach route to and throughout the park. This may present a problem for persons with a visual impairment. Free standing posts and support columns should incorporate a band, 150mm high, whose bottom edge is 1500mm from the ground level, and contrasts in colour and luminance.	1	2,7,10,13,22,	2	€3,000
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	car parks	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.	4		2	€6,000

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	car parks	There are currently no accessible parking bays in the car parks provided. Therefore, provide 2No.accessible parking bays 4.8m x 2.4m with a 1.2m transfer zone to the sides and rear in all 5No.car parks. Also, provide high level signage incorporating the international symbol for access at each space.	5	9,14,24,31,39	2	€15,000
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?	No	yacht club area and car park and the car park adjacent to the disused swimming pool	The car park surface has variations on the surface profile exceeding 5mm and is unsuitable for wheelchair users. Resurface the car park to provide an even and stable surface.	2	15,16,31,32	2	€20,000
2.4	Is it adequately lit (if park is open after dark)?	Yes						
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)?	Yes						

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?	No		From the car parks opposite Holybrook Road, Belgrove Road and the car park at the disused swimming pool there is no level access to the promenade. Provide pathways linking the car parks with the promenade areas at the first two car parks and a drop kerb at the proposed accessible parking bays at the car park by the disused swimming pool.	3	31,42	2	€7,500
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)?	Yes						
4.2	Are surfaces even and slip resistant?	No	pathway to the flower garden	The surface of the pathways in the park may not be suitable for persons using walking aids or wheelchair users. Resurface the access route surface to provide a slip resistant and reasonably smooth surface.	1	44	2	€5,000
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' and also NDA Buildings for Everyone for full details.	1	43	1	€5,000
4.4	Is adequate seating with armrests provided in larger parks?	No		The existing seating in the covered areas is not suitable for persons with ambulant disabilities. Provide armrest to the seating in the undercover areas throughout the promenade to assist persons with mobility impairments.	8	4,19,27,28,29,3 4,36	3	€5,000

4.5	Does the park allow general movement to all areas; accessible paths, accessible gates, segregation of pedestrians from vehicles?	No	seating areas	Adjacent to some of the covered seating areas and within some of the larger covered seating areas there are small steps which prevent unrestricted access throughout the park for wheelchair users. Remove these steps to allows unrestricted access throughout the site.	5,6,18,20,21,36,	1	€10,000
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

