

Project: Dublin CC Accessibility Audits

Job No: 23399



Use Type: Public Park

Auditor: N Williamson

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Capita Ref: 134

Name: Coultury Road Park

Address: North West

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		There is no directional signage in the surrounding area directing users to this site. However, it would appear that the park is only used by locals. Therefore, any users of the park will be familiar with the location.				€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 tactile paving to the following locations: Either side of the road meeting Coultury Road. Unable to show on map due to change in road layout in this area.	1	1	2	€1,500
1.4	Are the approach routes minimum 1.8m wide?	Yes						

1.5	Are approach route surfaces even and slip resistant?	No	all entrances	At the entrances to the park there has been blister tactile paving installed. This is the wrong use for this type of paving and may be confusing to persons with visual impairments. Remove the tactile paving and replace with standard paving slabs.	1	2	2	€3,000
1.6	Do approaches to crossovers have the necessary contrasting tactile surfaces and dropped kerbs?	No	surrounding area	There has recently been a large amount of development around the park. The new roads have been installed with tactile paving around the park area. However, the tactile paving offers no visual distinction. Replace the tactile paving with a colour contrasting tactile design.	1		3	€5,000
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. Provide suitable signage at all entrances offering the opening and closing times and providing information on facilities available to disabled persons. 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.	4		1	€2,000
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 bollards and obstructions on the approach route to and throughout the park. This may present a problem for persons with a visual impairment. Reposition the obstruction out with the access approach. If this is not feasible ensure that any bollards and etc. contrast in colour and luminance with the surroundings. The very small concrete bollards should be replaced with a larger size bollard if bollards are required for security reasons. The size of the bollards are currently a trip hazard.	1	2,3,10	2	€10,000
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?	N/A					

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	park and play park entrances	The park entrances are wide enough. However, they fail to offer a sufficient colour contrast. Repaint the 4No.park entrances and the 3No.gates into the play park a colour contrasting colour so that they are more visually distinct to persons with visual impairments. .	7	22,10,12,18,20	2	€1,500
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)?	No		There are pathways through the middle of the park between the landscaped grass banks. These pathways are not the recommended 1800mm wide to assist wheelchair users. Widen these pathways so that they are the recommended width.	1	7	2	€15,000
4.2	Are surfaces even and slip resistant?	No	throughout	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	6,11	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	throughout	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 NDA buildings for everyone for further details.	1		1	€1,000
4.4	Is adequate seating with armrests provided in larger parks?	No	throughout	The existing seating is not suitable for persons with ambulant disabilities. Provide a bench/seating with suitable arm supports throughout the park to assist ambulant disabled persons.	1	15,21	3	€5,000
4.5	Does the park allow general movement to all areas; accessible paths, accessible gates, segregation of pedestrians from vehicles?	No		refer to 4.1 and 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		4	€0

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?	No	steps throughout	Provide contrasting tactile danger warning to the top and bottom of the external steps to provide suitable guidance and warning to persons with a visual impairment. Refer to Technical Guidance Document M Diagram 2 for details.	4	5,8,14,16	2	€4,000
5.2	Are there suitable handrails each side and do they extend 300mm beyond top and bottom of stair?	No		<p>Provide suitable handrails to the external steps and ramps</p> <p>Handrails should be fitted at a height between 840 - 900mm from the pitch line of the steps and ramps. Generally handrails should:</p> <p>Have an oval or circular profile. (Circular handrail diameter between 40 - 50mm, Oval profile should be 50mm wide and 38mm deep, have rounded edges with a radius of at least 15mm),</p> <p>Be of a suitable finish that contrasts in colour and luminance with the surroundings against which it is seen without being highly reflective,</p> <p>Be easy and comfortable to grip without being cold to touch.</p>	1	4,5,8,14,16	2	€7,500
5.3	Is lighting adequate and well positioned (if park opens after dark)?	N/A						
5.4	Are treads and risers uniform?	Yes						

5.5	Are stair nosings identifiable?	No	steps throughout	Nosings to the steps are not readily identifiable and may present a trip hazard to persons with a visual impairment. Apply permanent colour contrasting nosings to all steps. Ensure top and bottom nosings contrast with the nosings on the remaining steps.	1	5,8,14,16	2	€1,000
5.6	Are landings big enough and provided at intermediate levels in a long flight?	Yes						

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 4.2				
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	playpark	The surface of the play park is not suitable for wheelchair users or persons with mobility impairments. Resurface the play park so that it offers smooth even surface suitable for wheelchair use.	1	17	1	€15,000
6.4	Do play areas have a mixture of equipment to allow opportunities for all abilities and encourage independence?	Yes						

6.5	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
6.6	Is there sufficient space around individual equipment to allow wheelchair access?	Yes	
6.7	Do all steps to equipment incorporate handrails?	No	refer to 5.2
6.8	Is there good colour/tonal contrast between equipment and background?	Yes	
