

Project: Dublin CC Accessibility Audits

Job No: 23399



Use Type: Public Park

Auditor: N Williamson

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Capita Ref: 030

Name: Croydon Gardens

Address: North Central

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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	surrounding area	<p>The park is quite difficult to find. Therefore, provide suitable signage offering directions to the main entrances. 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 'Table 6' 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?	Yes						



1.3	Is the surrounding approach routes level?	No	<p>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:</p> <p>Either side of the Croydon Gardens end of St Declan Road, Croydon Park Avenue and Philipsburgh Terrace.</p> <p>Also, provide tactile crossovers around Croydon Gardens adjacent to the 3No.entrances to the park.</p>	6	1,2,5,6,7	2	€9,000
1.4	Are the approach routes minimum 1.8m wide?	No	<p>The pathway around the external of the perimeter is only approximately 800mm wide at the entrance at the end of Croydon Park Avenue. Provide a 1.8m wide pavement at this area to assist wheelchair users.</p>	1	7	2	€2,000
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	<p>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.</p> <p>Please refer to BS 8300 'Table 5' and 'Table 6' and NDA buildings for everyone for full details.</p>	3	3,4,8	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	Croydon Gardens	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	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? 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		The pathways throughout are approximately 1.2m wide. Provide passing places at various points throughout the park to allow wheelchair users to negotiate through the park. An indicative cost has been provided for providing 3No.passing points.	3	4,8	2	€4,500
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		refer to 1.7				
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

