

Project: Dublin CC Accessibility Audits

Job No: 23399



Use Type: Public Park

Auditor: N Williamson

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Capita Ref: 002

Name: Darndale 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 the main road adjacent to the entrance at the play park area, either side of the road splitting Tulip Court and Primrose Grove.	2	1,2	2	€3,000
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		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 and the island of the traffic lights on on the N32 at the top of the park.	1	11	2	€2,500
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.	5	3,9,12,15,16	1	€2,500
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?	No	entrances	There are hazardous bollards / obstructions on the approach route to 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 litterbins etc. contrast in colour and luminance with the surroundings.	3	4,15,16	2	€750

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?	No		A number of the entrances have a kerb at the entrance area. Provide a drop kerb to the entrances along Belcamp Gardens and to the main entrance beside the play park area.	3	3,15,17	2	€1,500
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 new gates are colour contrasting.	5	4,9,12,,15,16	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 at the vehicle entrance to the park is unsuitable for wheelchair users and persons with mobility impairments. Resurface this area. Also the surface to the play park from the pathway is also in need of resurfacing. There is also a large section of pathway in the Belcamp Gardens area of the park that requires resurfacing. Resurface all these areas so that they are smooth and even to assist users. Also. Provide level access to the 5 a side football pitch from the adjacent pathway	4	7,8,9,14	2	€10,000
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?	N/A						
4.4	Is adequate seating with armrests provided in larger parks?	No		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.	6		3	€9,000

4.5	Does the park allow general movement to all areas; accessible paths, accessible gates, segregation of pedestrians from vehicles?	No	refer to 4.2					
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 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		Resurface the play park area to offer a rubberised surface. The existing surface is not suitable for wheelchair users and persons with mobility impairments.	1	6	2	€25,000
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?	N/A
6.8	Is there good colour/tonal contrast between equipment and background?	Yes
