

Project: Dublin CC Accessibility Audits

Job No: 23399



Use Type: Public Park

Auditor: N Williamson

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Capita Ref: 062

Name: Dartry Park

Address: South East

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 entrance. 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 & 6' and NDA Buildings for Everyone 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	The entrance into the park from Orwell Road is stepped. There does not appear to be sufficient space to provide level access from this point without large scale redevelopment. An indicative cost has been provided for landscaping the area to provide level access into the park. If it is not possible to provide level access then wheelchair users should be directed toward Orwell Park where they can access the underpass underneath Orwell Road allowing them to gain access to Dartry Park via this route.	1	15	2	€30,000
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 drop kerbs with contrasting tactile blister paving to the following crossovers to provide suitable guidance and warning to persons with a visual impairment: Either side of Orwell Road (if level access can not be given at the stepped entrance).	1		2	€1,500

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.	4	1,2,8,15	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?	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	Dartry Lane	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.	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?	No		There is a bridged entrance into the park from Orwell Gardens. The bridge is stepped on both sides. Provide ramps at either side of the bridge to allow level access into the park from this area. Ensure that the ramps are suitable graded, are non-slip and have suitable handrails provided to either side.	1	8,9	2	€10,000
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	Dartry lane Area	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	3,4,7	2	€25,000

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?	Yes						
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.	4	14	3	€6,000	
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	

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		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 NDA Buildings for Everyone for details	1	15	2	€500
5.2	Are there suitable handrails each side and do they extend 300mm beyond top and bottom of stair?	Yes						

5.3	Is lighting adequate and well positioned (if park opens after dark)?	Yes					
5.4	Are treads and risers uniform?	Yes					
5.5	Are stair nosings identifiable?	No	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	15	2	€200
5.6	Are landings big enough and provided at intermediate levels in a long flight?	Yes					