

Project: Dublin CC Accessibility Audits

Job No: 23399



Use Type: Public Park

Auditor: N Williamson

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Capita Ref: 007

Name: Donaghmede 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	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	€2,000
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 Newbrook Avenue at the entrance area of the school.	1	3	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	Cardonagh Park	The surface of the access route may not be suitable for persons using a wheelchair. Resurface the access route surface to provide a slip resistant and reasonably smooth surface.	1	4	2	€2,000
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		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.	7	1,2,3,4,5,6,9	1	€3,500
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		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 litterbins etc. contrast in colour and luminance with the surroundings.	1	1,3,5,6	2	€600
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	Grange Abbey Grove	There is no designated drop off point provided for this facility. 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	9	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)?	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 1No.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 the new gates is also colour contrasting	1	4	1	€2,000
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		There are currently 4No.entrances along the south perimeter of the park serving Newbrook Ave and Cardonagh Park. There is currently no pathway linking these 4No.entrances. Therefore provide additional pathways linking these entrances to the main network of pathways throughout the park. Ensure that the new path is a slip resistant and reasonably smooth surface. There is also no path to the tennis courts. Also, provide a pathway to this area.	2	3,4,5,6,7	1	€37,500

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 also NDA Buildings for everyone for details.	1		1	€2,500
4.4	Is adequate seating with armrests provided in larger parks?	No		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?	N/A						
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	8	4	€0

