

Project: Dublin CC Accessibility Audits

Job No: 23399



Use Type: Public Park

Auditor: N Williamson

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Capita Ref: 015

Name: Ellenfield 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?	Yes						
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	Shantalla Road	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 all three crossing points at the roundabout on Shantalla Road	1	10,12	2	€6,000
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		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.	6	2,11,13,16,22,24,	1	€3,000
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	Glencorp Road	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	1	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	Swords Road Entrance	One of the new entrances from Swords Road is stepped. However, the change in level appears too great to overcome. Provide signage incorporating the international symbol for access directing wheelchair users to the either the entrance further down Swords Road or to the entrance on Shantalla Road.	1	13	1	€200
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)?	Yes						



4.2	Are surfaces even and slip resistant?	No		The surface of the pathways in the park may not be suitable for persons using walking aids or wheelchair users. Provide a slip resistant and reasonably smooth surface parallel to swords road between the two entrances, also provide additional pathways adjacent to the avenue of trees running through the middle of the park, also resurface the area at the entrance on Ellenfield Road	3	2,3,19,20	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		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' f and also NDA Buildings for Everyone for details.	1		1	€2,000
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.	6	6,9	3	€9,000
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



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**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 to NDA Buildings for Everyone for Details.	1	13,14	2	€1,000
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	13,14	2	€300
5.6	Are landings big enough and provided at intermediate levels in a long flight?	Yes						



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**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)?	Yes						
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						

