

Project: Dublin CC Accessibility Audits

Job No: 23399



Use Type: Public Park

Auditor: N Williamson

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Capita Ref: 034

Name: Fairview 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?	Yes						
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 of the car park entrance adjacent to the traffic school and the traffic school entrance and exit.	2	1,3	2	€1,200

1.7	Is the approach route to the park entrances clearly signed?	No	all entrances	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.	8		1	€4,000
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	Fairview Road	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	€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 4No.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 are colour contrasting.	4	7,8,13,14	1	€8,000	
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 2No.play areas in the park. Currently there is no path linking the play areas to the main path network. Provide a slip resistant and reasonably smooth surface linking the pay areas to the main pathways.	2	10,15	1	€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?	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	€4,000
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.	10	9	3	€15,000
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 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?	No		refer to 4.2				
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		<p>The surface of the 2No.play areas is not suitable for wheelchair users or persons with disabilities. Resurface the play areas so that they offer a rubberized surface that will assist wheelchair users and persons with mobility impairments.</p> <p>There is also a running track and football area adjacent to the car park at the traffic school area. The surface of this area is loose gravel. This surface is not suitable for persons with mobility impairments. Resurface the running track and football area so that the surface is smooth and even to assist persons with mobility impairment's.</p>	3	10,15,17	2	€100,000
6.4	Do play areas have a mixture of equipment to allow opportunities for all abilities and encourage independence?	No		The equipment in both play areas is not suitable for persons with disabilities. Provide equipment that will encourage independence and is suitable for all abilities.	2	10,15	2	€35,000
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
