

**Project:** Dublin CC Accessibility Audits

**Job No:** 23399



**Use Type:** Public Park

**Auditor:** N Williamson

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**Capita Ref:** 128

**Name:** Farnham Drive Football Pitches **Address:** North West

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**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		refer to 1.7				
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	<p>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 tactile paving to the following locations:</p> <p>Either side of Farnham Drive at the St Helena's Road end and either side of Dunsink Road at the St Helena's Road end.</p> <p>Also, the entrance from St Helena's Road leading into the park has a very steep pathway. Provide suitable handrails on steep approach routes with a gradient of more than 1:20.</p> <p>If handrails are fitted ensure that they are fitted at a height between 900 – 1100mm from the pavement surface. Generally handrails should:</p> <p>Have an oval or circular profile. (Circular handrail diameter between 40 – 50mm, Oval profile should be 50mm wide and 38mm deep, have rounded edges with a radius of at least 15mm),</p> <p>Be of a suitable finish that contrasts in colour and luminance with the surroundings against which it is seen without being highly reflective,</p> <p>Be easy and comfortable to grip without being cold to touch</p>	3	2,5,6	2	€5,000
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	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.	4	1,4,8	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	Farnham Drive	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?	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. (Photo's 1, 4, 8). 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 the gates are colour contrasting with the remainder of the fence to make them more distinct to persons with visual impairments.	4	1,4,8	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?	Yes						
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		refer to 1.7				
4.4	Is adequate seating with armrests provided in larger parks?	No		There is currently no seating available to assist persons with ambulant disabilities. Provide 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?	Yes						
4.6	Are circulation routes kept free of debris, foliage, overgrown plants/shrubs etc?	Yes						

**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		Pathways do not run directly to football pitches. However, in this instance no recommendation is being made to provide additional paths. The existing paths provide access as close as is possible to the football pitches as possible and are therefore deemed manageable.				€0
6.2	Are play areas fenced with gates of minimum 800mm wide and appropriately signed?	N/A						
6.3	Do play areas have rubberised safety surfaces (or similar safety surfaces)?	N/A						
6.4	Do play areas have a mixture of equipment to allow opportunities for all abilities and encourage independence?	N/A						
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)?	N/A						
6.6	Is there sufficient space around individual equipment to allow wheelchair access?	N/A						
6.7	Do all steps to equipment incorporate handrails?	N/A						
6.8	Is there good colour/tonal contrast between equipment and background?	N/A						