

Project: Dublin CC Accessibility Audits

Job No: 23399



Use Type: Public Park

Auditor: N Williamson

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Capita Ref: 014

Name: Holywell

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		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 with colour contrasting tactile paving kerbs to the following locations: Either side of the zebra crossing at the DART station, either side of St Donagh's Road at the entrance closest to the DART station and either side of Holywell Crescent.	2	1,3,5	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	<p>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.</p> <p>Please refer to BS 8300 'Table 5' and 'Table 6' and NDA buildings for everyone for full details.</p>	4	1,3,5,7	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?	No	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	1	2,3,4,6,	2	€5,000
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?	N/A					

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)?	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	There are currently insufficient pathways in the park. The top section of the park at Grange Road area has no circulation routes as does the area parallel to St Donagh's Road. Therefore, provide a slip resistant and reasonably smooth surfaced path in these areas to assist wheelchair users.	2	7,9	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	refer to 1.7				
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.	4		3	€6,000
4.5	Does the park allow general movement to all areas; accessible paths, accessible gates, segregation of pedestrians from vehicles?	No	refer to 4.2				
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

