

Project: Dublin CC Accessibility Audits

Job No: 23399



Use Type: Public Park

Auditor: G Speirs

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Capita Ref: 093

Name: Harold's Cross Park

Address: South 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		Refer to item 1.7.				€0
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 site is naturally sloping but could be accessed from nearby parking areas. No action required.				€0
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?	Yes						
1.7	Is the approach route to the park entrances clearly signed?	No		The park is not well signed on approach. Recommend that signage be provided on all major approach routes. A budgetary cost is included.	1		1	€200

1.8	Is the approach route to the park suitably lit (if park operates after dark)?	No	Within Confines of Park	Park opening times are not known and the existing levels of lighting would not be sufficient to accommodate use at times when natural light has faded. Recommend installation of lighting / additional lighting to highlight location of main access routes / points of attraction. A budgetary cost is included. Management to determine if the park is to be open to visitors after dark.	2	4	€5,000
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	On-Street	There is no designated drop off point. The park would benefit from a designated drop off point due to its location, nature and size. It is therefore recommended that 1 No. space be allocated as a drop off point for those who are unable to arrive by self transportation. The drop off point should be signed and located as close to the main entrance of the park as possible. In addition, 1 No accessible car parking space should be provided close to the main entrance. This will be the responsibility of the Roads Department.	1	1	€2,000

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?	Yes						

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	Main Entrances	Provide suitable main entrance signage highlighting the park facilities.	1		1	€200
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?	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		There are features within the park that are not clearly signed. Recommend provision of large print and / or pictorial signage to accompany existing features e.g. monuments or memorials - photo 4. This would assist visitors with a visual impairment to gain access to this information.	1	4	1	€100
4.4	Is adequate seating with armrests provided in larger parks?	Yes						

4.5	Does the park allow general movement to all areas; accessible paths, accessible gates, segregation of pedestrians from vehicles?	No	All areas of the park are not accessible to wheelchair users. This is due to the natural topography of the park. There are alternative entrances that can be used to reach different areas of the park. No further action.	€0
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?	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)?	No		The play area surface consists of loose wood chippings. Recommend that rubberised surface is incorporated. This will also allow wheelchair users to become more interactive with the equipment / people in these locations.		3	1	€10,000
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)?	Yes						

6.6	Is there sufficient space around individual equipment to allow wheelchair access?	Yes
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6.7	Do all steps to equipment incorporate handrails?	Yes
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6.8	Is there good colour/tonal contrast between equipment and background?	Yes
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