

Project: Dublin CC Accessibility Audits

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Use Type: Public Park

Auditor: N Williamson

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Name: Johnstown Park

Address: North West

**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 to the following locations:</p> <p>On all three sides of the roundabout at the junction of Glasanaon Road and Ballygal Crescent.</p> <p>Also, suitable crossovers with tactile paving should be provided adjacent to the entrance in the bottom south west corner of the park on Glasananon Road as this entrance appears to be the main entrance to the park. A similar crossover should also be provided on Ballygal Road to service the 2No.entrances to the park in this area.</p>	3	1,10,15	2	€6,000

1.4	Are the approach routes minimum 1.8m wide?	Yes						
1.5	Are approach route surfaces even and slip resistant?	No	south west entrance on Glasanaon Road	The surface of the access route may not be suitable for persons using a wheelchair. Resurface the access route surface to provide a slip resistant and reasonably smooth surface.	1	16	2	€2,000
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:  On all three sides of the roundabout at the junction of Glasanaon Road and Ballygal Crescent.	1	1	2	€1,800
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.	6	3,6,11	1	€6,000
1.8	Is the approach route to the park suitably lit (if park operates after dark)?	No		According to signage at the park entrance the park is only supposed to be in use in daylight hours. Therefore, no recommendation is being made to provide suitable lighting in this instance.				€0

1.9	Is the approach route to the park entrances free of hazards such as bollards, litter bins etc?	No	palypark	The gates at the 6No.entrances and 2No.entrances to the play park offer little colour contrast. The 6no.gates at parks entrances are either held open during opening hours or will be replaced in section 3.4. Ensure that the new gates are colour contrasting. Repaint the gates at the playpark so that they are more visually distinct.	2	12	2	€500
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	Glसानाon Road	There is no designated drop off point provided for this park. 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	15	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 1.8				
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		Provide signage as close as possible to the entrance indicating the facilities/ assistive equipment etc. available within the building for use by disabled visitors. Cost are included in section 1.8	1		1	€0

3.3	Is there level access to park entrances?	No	At present 3No.of the entrances to the park are stepped. Provide level access to the stepped entrance at on Glasanaon Road (picture 1). Also provide level access to the entrance on Ballygal Road (photo 8). The third stepped entrance has far too large a change in level to provide ramped access to. However, signage should be provided at this entrance (photo 11) incorporating the international symbol for access directing wheelchair users to the adjacent accessible entrance. Ensure that the new level access have a gradient of the recommended 1:12, have colour contrasting handrails provided to both sides of the ramps and the surface of the ramps is non-slip.	3	1,8,11	1	€12,000	
3.4	Are park entrances wide enough for all users (minimum 800mm)?	No	4No.entrances	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 2, 6, 7, 16). Provide suitable gates to the 4No.entrances highlighted. 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 circulation.	4	2,6,7,16	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?	N/A						

**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 a section of the pathway between the entrance at the roundabout between Glasanaon Road/Ballygal Crescent and the entrance from Ferndale Avenue is not be suitable for persons using walking aids or wheelchair users. Resurface the access route surface to provide a slip resistant and reasonably smooth surface.	1	5	2	€1,500
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 1.8				
4.4	Is adequate seating with armrests provided in larger parks?	No	throughout park and play area	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.	approx 15	4,13	3	€15,000
4.5	Does the park allow general movement to all areas; accessible paths, accessible gates, segregation of pedestrians from vehicles?	No		At present there are metal grates at the 2No.entrances to the play park area. This metal grate could be slippery in wet conditions. Replace the metal grates with a non-slip surface.	2	12	2	€1,000

4.6 Are circulation routes kept free of debris, foliage, overgrown plants/shrubs etc? Yes

**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	large steps on Ballygal Road	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 Technical Guidance Document M Diagram 2 for details.	1	11	2	€750
5.2	Are there suitable handrails each side and do they extend 300mm beyond top and bottom of stair?	No	stepped entrance on Ballygal Road	<p>Provide suitable handrails to the external steps.</p> <p>Handrails should be fitted at a height between 840 - 900mm from the pitch line of the steps. 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>	1	11	2	€3,000
5.3	Is lighting adequate and well positioned (if park opens after dark)?	N/A						

5.4	Are treads and risers uniform?	Yes						
5.5	Are stair nosings identifiable?	No	stepped entrance on Ballygal Road	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	11	2	€500
5.6	Are landings big enough and provided at intermediate levels in a long flight?	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)?	Yes						
6.4	Do play areas have a mixture of equipment to allow opportunities for all abilities and encourage independence?	Yes						

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<b>6.5</b>	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
<b>6.6</b>	Is there sufficient space around individual equipment to allow wheelchair access?	Yes	
<b>6.7</b>	Do all steps to equipment incorporate handrails?	N/A	
<b>6.8</b>	Is there good colour/tonal contrast between equipment and background?	Yes	

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