

Project: Dublin CC Accessibility Audits

Job No: 23399



Use Type: Public Park

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Capita Ref: 098

Name: Martin Savage Park

Address: 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 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?	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?	Yes						

1.7	Is the approach route to the park entrances clearly signed?	No	Entrance at Martin Savage Park/ Ashtown and another entrance at Glen Dhu Road/ Glen Dhu Park intersection	Directional signage is unsuitable for persons with a visual impairment. Therefore, provide suitable signage offering directions to the park entrances. 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' and 'Table 6'	2	1,5	2	€1,000
1.8	Is the approach route to the park suitably lit (if park operates after dark)?	N/A						
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	Entrance at Martin Savage Park/ Ashtown and another entrance at Glen Dhu Road/ Glen Dhu Park intersection	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. 2 No. dropped kerbs will also be required at the drop off point. This is a low priority due to the nature and use of the park (grass football pitches with no circulation routes).	2	2,5	3	€2,000

Section 2: Car Parking

REF	QUESTION	Y/N	LOCATION	RECOMMENDATION	QTY	PHOTO REF	PRIORITY	COSTS
2.1	Is there accessible car parking within the park or in close proximity of the park for use by disabled visitors?	No	Entrance at Martin Savage Park/ Ashtown and another entrance at Glen Dhu Road/ Glen Dhu Park intersection	There are no wheelchair accessible parking facilities provided. However there is adequate room for one to be provided at either entrance. Accessible parking spaces to be marked out 4.8m x 2.4m with a 1.2m transfer zone to the side and rear. The designated spaces should be positioned as close to the entrance as possible. Suitable high level signage (incorporating the international symbol for access) should accompany the designated space to help limit misuse of the accessible parking space. This is a low priority due to the nature and use of the park (grass football pitches with limited circulation routes).	2	2,5	3	€2,000
2.2	Is the accessible car parking space(s) 4.8m long by 2.4m wide with 1.2m side and rear transfer zones (6.0m x 2.4m with 900mm rear transfer zone for parallel parking bays)?	N/A						
2.3	Is the accessible car parking surface smooth, even and free from loose stones?	N/A						
2.4	Is it adequately lit (if park is open after dark)?	N/A						
2.5	Is there a sufficient number of accessible parking bays to meet the requirements of the park (1 space per 25 standard spaces; 3 spaces per 25-50 standard spaces; 5 spaces per 50-100 standard spaces)?	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	The Ashtown entrance adjacent brick perimeter wall. The Glen Dhu Park entrance fixed on the steel perimeter fence.	There is currently no signage at the parks entrances. Provide suitable signage at the entrances around the park. Ensure that the text size and colour contrast correspond with the specifications detailed in NDA Buildigns for Everyone and BS300:2001 table 5 and 6.	2	3,5	2	€1,000
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		The facilities within the park are for football etc. on grass pitches. There are no disabled facilities within the park. No action.				
3.3	Is there level access to park entrances?	No	Entrance at Glen Dhu Road/ Glen Dhu Park intersection.	The area behind the locked gates on either side of the parks not of hardstanding material and not suitable for wheelchair access or access for people with mobility restrictions. Provision to link up with the path on the East side entrance (Glen Dhu) should be considered. Refer to 3.4 for costings.	1	3,5,6	1	
3.4	Are park entrances wide enough for all users (minimum 800mm)?	No	Martin Savage Park (Road) / Ashtown entrance	Style entrance is unsuitable for wheelchair access, however the entrance also has a locked gate access which could be opened by request thus saving any redeisgn. As security of the park is required, the gate access is locked and ability to have it opened by request should be provided by means of suitable signage. Ref. 3.3	1	3,5,6	1	€1,000

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?	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		The facilities within the park are for football etc. on grass pitches. There are no disabled facilities within the park. No action.				
4.4	Is adequate seating with armrests provided in larger parks?	N/A						
4.5	Does the park allow general movement to all areas; accessible paths, accessible gates, segregation of pedestrians from vehicles?	No		The facilities within the park are for football etc. on grass pitches. There are no disabled facilities within the park. No action.				
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?	N/A						
5.2	Are there suitable handrails each side and do they extend 300mm beyond top and bottom of stair?	N/A						
5.3	Is lighting adequate and well positioned (if park opens after dark)?	Yes						
5.4	Are treads and risers uniform?	N/A						
5.5	Are stair nosings identifiable?	N/A						
5.6	Are landings big enough and provided at intermediate levels in a long flight?	N/A						

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		The facilities within the park are for football etc. on grass pitches. There are no disabled facilities within the park. No action.				

6.2	Are play areas fenced with gates of minimum 800mm wide and appropriately signed?	No	The facilities within the park are for football etc. on grass pitches. There are no disabled facilities within the park. No action.
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)?	No	The facilities within the park are for football etc. on grass pitches. There are no disabled facilities within the park. No action.
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	