

**Project:** Dublin CC Accessibility Audits

**Job No:** 23399



**Use Type:** Public Park

**Auditor:** J Lowe

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**Name:** Mountjoy Square Park

**Address:** Central

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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?	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?	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	corners of the square along the intersections of the surrounding main roads.	No directional signage exists and should be suitable for persons with a visual impairment. The entrances are at opposite ends of the square and the park is medium to large in size offering different facilities. 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'	4	1,14	2	€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?	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 ( East) Belvidere Place. Entrance at (South) Charles Street.	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. A dropped kerb will also be required at the drop off point.	2	1,14	1	€2,000

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**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( East) Belvidere Place. Entrance at (South) Charles Street.	There are no wheelchair accessible parking facilities provided. However there is adequate room for one to be provided in the side street. 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.	2	1,14	1	€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)?	Yes						
2.3	Is the accessible car parking surface smooth, even and free from loose stones?	Yes						
2.4	Is it adequately lit (if park is open after dark)?	Yes						
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)?	Yes						

**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	Four entrances around the parks perimeter.	Existing signage does not comply with requirements for persons with visual impairment as per Ref. 1.7. Also the facilities/ assistive equipment etc. available within the park for use by disabled visitors is not outlined.	4	1,8,10,14	2	€2,000
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		Directional signage is unsuitable for persons with a visual impairment. Therefore, provide suitable signage offering directions throughout the park. 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 & 6'  Refer to 3.2				
4.4	Is adequate seating with armrests provided in larger parks?	No		Refer to 6.5				
4.5	Does the park allow general movement to all areas; accessible paths, accessible gates, segregation of pedestrians from vehicles?	No	Central area of the grassed section of the park.	There is a sun dial monument placed in the middle of a grassed area. Access is only gained by crossing the grass. A path conforming to the required width of 1500mm and of suitable hardstanding should be considered. Ref. BS8300:2001 section 5 and Annex B	1	13	1	€3,000
4.6	Are circulation routes kept free of debris, foliage, overgrown plants/shrubs etc?	No		Refer to 6.3				

**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 safety surface provided covers an extensive area however it is in patches overgrown with an algae growth making it a severe slip hazard to all persons. Cleaning / maintenance is recommended to be scheduled.	1	5	1	€500
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)?	No	Playpark at corner of Charles Street and Belvidere Place.	The park has suitable benches in the main grassed area however within the playpark the only type available has no suitable arm rests or backing.	1	4	2	€500
6.6	Is there sufficient space around individual equipment to allow wheelchair access?	Yes						
6.7	Do all steps to equipment incorporate handrails?	Yes						

6.8	Is there good colour/tonal contrast between equipment and background?	No	Playpark at corner of Charles Street and Belvidere Place.	The log roll equipment has a poor visual contrast with the safety flooring. Even though the log roll is highlighted red at each end, the actual wooden log contrasts poorly with the floor.	1	11	3	€300
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