

Project: Dublin CC Accessibility Audits

Job No: 23399



Use Type: Public Park

Auditor: N Williamson

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Capita Ref: 063

Name: Orwell Park

Address: South East

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		The park is quite difficult to find. However, it would appear that the park is only used by local who will have knowledge of its locations. No recommendation is being made to provide directional signage in this instance.				€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	<p>There is a hump backed bridge at one end of the park. The bridge has no handrails to assist wheelchair users and persons with mobility impairments. Provide suitable handrails to the bridge. If handrails are fitted ensure that they are fitted at a height between 840 – 1100mm from the pavement surface. 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	6	2	€2,500
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?	N/A					

1.7	Is the approach route to the park entrances clearly signed?	No	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.	2	1,7	1	€1,000
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	There is a large bolder at one entrance to the park. No recommendation is being made to remove the bolder as it is not a trip hazard and it is required for security.			1	€0
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? 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	path running parallel to river	The surface of the pathways in the park may 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	8	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?	N/A						

4.4	Is adequate seating with armrests provided in larger parks?	No	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.	4	2	3	€6,000
4.5	Does the park allow general movement to all areas; accessible paths, accessible gates, segregation of pedestrians from vehicles?	Yes					
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	5	4	€0