

Project: Dublin CC Accessibility Audits

Job No: 23399



Use Type: Public Park

Auditor: B Taggart

Date of Audit: 15/03/2007

Capita Ref: 037

Name: Peace 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 | Approach | This small park is quite difficult to find. Provide signage from Christchurch Cathedral (park is situated directly across the road). | 1 | | 2 | €500 |
| 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 | | Refer to 1.1 | | | | |

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 Main entrance

There is no designated drop off point provided for this park. Due to the proximity of the park (within a very busy road network) and its small size, it may not be possible to provide a drop-off zone close to the park entrance. Discussions should take place between park management and the roads department to ascertain if this is possible.

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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 | Main entrance | There is no designated accessible parking provided for this park. Due to the proximity of the park (within a very busy road network) and its small size, it may not be possible to provide accessible parking close to the park entrance. Discussions should take place between park management and the roads department to ascertain if this is possible. | | | 4 | €0 |

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| 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 | | Refer to 3.2 | | | | |
| 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 entrance | Provide signage at the main entrance. There is currently no reference to Peace Park. | 1 | | 2 | €500 |
| 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 | | No requirement for directional signage within the park due to its small size. | | 1 | | €0 |
| 4.4 | Is adequate seating with armrests provided in larger parks? | No | central park area | The existing seating is inset into stone wall and does not incorporate arm rests for people with ambulant disabilities. Provide armrests to seating. | 2 | 1 | 1 | €500 |

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| 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 park | <p>At present there is no level access to central water feature/pond. Due to the small size of the park, the significant change in level and the specific circular design, it may be difficult to provide ramped access to the water feature.</p> <p>A feasibility study should be carried out to ascertain if wheelchair access can be gained to the water feature, however it is our opinion that it is not reasonable to provide access to this area.</p> <p>There is, however sufficient space at the higher level (to the perimeter of the park) for wheelchair users to view the central water feature/pond and therefore they are still permitted a degree of access to this feature. This is deemed a reasonable solution.</p> <p>Note:- The park was locked at the time of the audit which restricted views of the park facilities, therefore this should be taken into consideration when analysing these recommendations.</p> | 1 | 4 | €0 |
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| 4.6 | Are circulation routes kept free of debris, foliage, overgrown plants/shrubs etc? | Yes | | | | | |
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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 | 2 internal stepped areas | 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. | 2 | 1 | 1 | €3,000 |

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| 5.2 | Are there suitable handrails each side and do they extend 300mm beyond top and bottom of stair? | No | Central area of park | Provide suitable handrails each side of the external steps leading to the water feature/pond. Handrails should be fitted at a height between 840 - 900mm from the pitch line of the steps. Generally handrails should: 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), Be of a suitable finish that contrasts in colour and luminance with the surroundings against which it is seen without being highly reflective. | 2 | 1 | 1 | €4,000 |
| 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 | 2 stairs leading to the central water feature | Nosings to the steps are not readily identifiable and may present a trip hazard to persons with a visual impairment. Apply permanent colour/tonal contrasting nosings to all steps. Ensure top and bottom nosings contrast with the nosings on the remaining steps. | 2 | 1 | 1 | €2,000 |
| 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? | No | | Refer to 4.5 | | | | |
| 6.2 | Are play areas fenced with gates of minimum 800mm wide and appropriately signed? | N/A | | | | | | |
| 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)? | N/A | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | |