

Project: Dublin CC Accessibility Audits

Job No: 23399



Use Type: Public Park

Auditor: N Williamson

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Name: Plunkett Green Football Pitches 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 with colour contrasting tactile paving to the following locations:</p> <p>Either side of Plunkett Green at the Barry Avenue End, either side of Barry Avenue, either side of Plunkett Grove at the Plunkett Green end and either side of Plunkett Green adjacent to the entrance.</p>	4	1,3,4,6	2	€6,000
1.4	Are the approach routes minimum 1.8m wide?	Yes						
1.5	Are approach route surfaces even and slip resistant?	Yes						

<b>1.6</b>	Do approaches to crossovers have the necessary contrasting tactile surfaces and dropped kerbs?	No		refer to 1.3				
<b>1.7</b>	Is the approach route to the park entrances clearly signed?	No	2No.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.	2	2,7	1	€800
<b>1.8</b>	Is the approach route to the park suitably lit (if park operates after dark)?	Yes						
<b>1.9</b>	Is the approach route to the park entrances free of hazards such as bollards, litter bins etc?	Yes						
<b>1.10</b>	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	Plunkett Green	There is no designated drop off point provided for this facility. 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	1	2	€1,500

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**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		Provide signage as close as possible to the entrances indicating the facilities/ assistive equipment etc. available within the building for use by disabled visitors. This could be done in conjunction with the recommendation in 1.7	1		1	€0
3.3	Is there level access to park entrances?	Yes						

3.4	Are park entrances wide enough for all users (minimum 800mm)?	No	2No.entrances	<p>At present a number of the entrances around the park are unsuitable for wheelchair users and persons using walking aids. The gates do not offer a sufficient width or circulation space to allow wheelchair access to the entrances. (Photo's 2,7). Provide suitable gates to the 2No.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 users.</p> <p>Also, ensure that the gates are colour contrasting with the remainder of the fencing to assist persons with visual impairments.</p> <p>Also required at the 2No.entrances is a level surface suitable for wheelchair users. The current surface is very worn and uneven.</p>	2	2,7	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?	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)?	No		refer to 4.2				

4.2	Are surfaces even and slip resistant?	No	throughout	There are currently no designated pathways in the park and this may not be suitable for persons using walking aids or wheelchair users. Provide a suitable 1.8m wide pathway around the park linked to the 2No.entrances to assist wheelchair users.	1	1	1	€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		There is currently no seating to assist persons with ambulant disabilities. Provide a bench/seating with suitable arm supports throughout the park to assist ambulant disabled persons.	4		3	€6,000
4.5	Does the park allow general movement to all areas; accessible paths, accessible gates, segregation of pedestrians from vehicles?	No		refer to 4.2				
4.6	Are circulation routes kept free of debris, foliage, overgrown plants/shrubs etc?	Yes						