

**Project:** Dublin CC Accessibility Audits

**Job No:** 23399



**Use Type:** Public Park

**Auditor:** B Taggart

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**Capita Ref:** 049

**Name:** Sandymount Green

**Address:** South East

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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						

<b>1.6</b>	Do approaches to crossovers have the necessary contrasting tactile surfaces and dropped kerbs?	No	Sandymount green approaches	Approaches to crossovers on the pedestrian pavement do not have suitable tactile warning for persons with a visual impairment. Therefore, provide contrasting tactile blister paving to the following crossovers to provide suitable guidance and warning to persons with a visual impairment:  Crossover at Sandymount Green Crossover at New Grove Avenue Crossover at Gilford Road Crossover at Claremont Road	4	1,3,4,5,6	2	€6,000
<b>1.7</b>	Is the approach route to the park entrances clearly signed?	Yes						
<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?	No	Park generally	There are occasional cars parked adjacent to the park which restricts access to the perimeter of the park. Local parking attendants require to manage this situation to ensure that wheelchair users and visitors with restricted mobility or visual impairments do not have access restricted.			4	€0
<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?	Yes						

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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	Park entrances	There are no wheelchair accessible parking facilities provided. However there is adequate room for these to be provided in the adjacent streets close to the park. Provide 2 no.spaces as close to the park entrances as possible. 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	4	1	€3,000
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						

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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?	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)?	Yes						
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						

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**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	Park entrance	Small repairs required to park entrance surface to ensure persons with limited mobility do not trip when accessing the gate.	1	2	2	€500
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?	Yes						
4.4	Is adequate seating with armrests provided in larger parks?	No	Park generally	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. Two required.	2		2	€2,000
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?	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)? N/A

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

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**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?	N/A						
6.3	Do play areas have rubberised safety surfaces (or similar safety surfaces)?	No	Park generally	Provide suitable rubberised surfaces below main play areas within the park. It should be noted that children with a disability may be more inclined to fall during play, and therefore safety matting is important.			1	€20,000
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)? Yes

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6.6 Is there sufficient space around individual equipment to allow wheelchair access? Yes

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6.7 Do all steps to equipment incorporate handrails? Yes

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6.8 Is there good colour/tonal contrast between equipment and background? Yes