CAPITA SYMONDS

Project: Dublin CC Accessibility Audits	**Job No:** 23399		
Use Type: Public Park	**Auditor:** B Taggart	**Date of Audit:** 26/03/2007	
Capita Ref: 042	**Name:** Sean Moore 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?	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?	No	Beach Road/ Marine Drive junction	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.	1	4	2	€1,500

1.7	Is the approach route to the park entrances clearly signed?	No	Beach Road/Marine Drive, Beach Road/Bremen Grove & Bremen Grove entrances	The signage at the 3 principal entrances of the park is unsuitable. Entrances do not have signage visible on approach. Provide suitable signage at all entrances offering the opening and closing times etc. The background of the general signboard should be white if possible 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.	3	1,9,11	2	€1,500
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	Bremen Grove entrance	There is no designated drop off point provided for this park. Subject to an assessment of need, consider the benefit of providing suitable road markings and signage to designate a drop off point for visitors with a disability. As Beach Road and Bremen Grove are extremely busy main trunk roads, the most suitable space for a drop off zone would be within the small car parking area leading to the Bremen Grove entrance. Provide high level signing indicating drop-off point and provide signage at other 2 entrances directing visitors to the drop-off point. 2 No. dropped kerbs will also be required at the drop off point.	1	12	2	€2,000

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	Bremen Grove entrance	There are no wheelchair accessible parking facilities provided. However there is a small car park at the Bremen Grove entrance which gives good access to the park. Provide 2 accessible parking spaces to be marked out 4.8m x 2.4m with a 1.2m transfer zone to the side and rear and include suitable dropped kerbs. The designated spaces should be positioned as close to the park 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 spaces. In addition, signage should be placed at the other 2 park entrances to direct visitors to the accessible parking location. Note: It was unclear if the small car park was linked to the public park or the neighbouring building.	2	12	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					

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?	No	Beach Road/ Marine Drive	Beach Road/Marine Drive entrance has a small ramped entrance which has been closed off with a concrete barrier which prevent many visitors with mobility or visual restrictions from accessing this area of the park. Remove the barrier and provide a minimum of 800mm wide access opening. If there is a security issue at this point, consideration should be given to providing a gate similar to the one located at the Beach Road/Bremen Grove entrance. Also provide a dropped kerb to the step at the Bremen Grove entrance (leading to the approach pathway) - photo 12.	1	1,4,12	1	€5,000

REF	QUESTION	Y/N						
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?	No	Curved section of pathway facing Beach Road and containing seating areas.	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	€20,000
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?	Yes						
4.4	Is adequate seating with armrests provided in larger parks?	No	throughout the park	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.	5	8	2	€5,000

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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	Beach access at Beach Road/Marine Drive area of the park.	There is no access to the beach area for wheelchair users or people with limited mobility directly from the park. Provide a timber slatted walkway (approx. 30m) to provide access to the beach area.	1	4,5	1	€5,000
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						

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						