

Project: Dublin CC Accessibility Audits

Job No: 23399



Use Type: Public Park

Auditor: B Taggart

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Capita Ref: 044

Name: Shelley Banks

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	Approaches	Shelley Banks is a considerable distance from residential areas and could not be accessed by pedestrians. Finding the site via the current road network (via Pigeon House Road) is difficult due to a lack of signage on approach. Provide suitable high level signage on approach to Shelley Banks.	2		1	€2,000
1.2	Is the park within convenient walking distance of: Public Highway, Public Transport, Car Parking?	No	Approaches	The park is not within convenient walking distance of public transport. This is due to the proximity of the site which is situated approx. 2 miles from residential areas. The majority of visitors appear to access via private car. Access usage should be reviewed by management to determine whether a shuttle bus service would be useful for visitors who cannot walk the 2 miles from the residential areas.			4	€0
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?	No	Shelley Banks approach routes	The approach routes are generally level, however on occasion the route is affected by blown sand from the adjacent beach. Management normally provide signage to advise visitors on approach. No action.			4	€0
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		Refer to 1.1				
1.8	Is the approach route to the park suitably lit (if park operates after dark)?	N/A						
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	Car Parks	There are 2 car parks within Shelley Banks. Provide a designated drop-off point within each car park to allow disabled visitors the opportunity to access this area.	2	3,7	1	€3,000

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	Approaches	There are 2 car parks within Shelley Banks. As the main access to this area is via vehicular transport it is considered important to provide 2 accessible car parking spaces per car park. Spaces to be marked out 4.8m x 2.4m with 1.2m side & rear transfer zones. Accessible spaces should also have prominent high level signage to indicate their availability on approach.	4	3,7	1	€6,000
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 1.1				
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 1.1				
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?	Yes						
4.4	Is adequate seating with armrests provided in larger parks?	No	Shelley Banks circulation routes	Consider providing seating along Shelley Bank to assist visitors with mobility restrictions.	10	1,3,8	2	€10,000
4.5	Does the park allow general movement to all areas; accessible paths, accessible gates, segregation of pedestrians from vehicles?	No	Western Car Park	The western car park at Shelley Banks is heavily used by visitors, many of whom access the beach directly from the car park area. There is no suitable access for wheelchair users to the beach at this point. Provide a hardstanding path (can be timber slats) providing access to the beach at a point in close proximity to the car park.	1	1,2,3	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?	No	Western Car Park	Provide contrasting tactile danger warning to the top of the external steps leading to beach from the western car park to provide suitable guidance and warning to persons with a visual impairment. Refer to Technical Guidance Document M Diagram 2 for details. This area is prone to sand coverage (see photo) & therefore this recommendation may not be fully beneficial, therefore lower priority given.	1	4,5	3	€1,000

5.2	Are there suitable handrails each side and do they extend 300mm beyond top and bottom of stair?	No	Western Car Park	<p>Provide suitable handrails each side of the steps leading to the beach from the Western Car Park to assist visitors with a disability.</p> <p>Handrails should be fitted at a height between 840 - 900mm from the pitch line of the steps. 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>	1	4,5	1	€2,000
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	Western Car Park	<p>Nosings to the steps leading to the beach from the western car park are not readily identifiable and may present a trip hazard to persons with a visual impairment. Apply permanent colour or tonally contrasting nosings to all steps. Ensure top and bottom nosings contrast with the nosings on the remaining steps.</p> <p>It should be noted that these steps regularly receive a coating of sand blown from the beach (see photo) which would reduce the impact of the contrasting nosings, therefore a lower priority is given.</p>	1	4,5	3	€1,500

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						