

Project: Dublin CC Accessibility Audits

Job No: 23399



Use Type: Public Park

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Capita Ref: 112

Name: St Michan Park

Address: Central

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?	Yes						

1.7	Is the approach route to the park entrances clearly signed?	No	Green Street and North Street	No directional signage is provided for persons with a visual impairment. As this park is situated in a built up environment with a lot of traffic, directional signage would be of benefit. Therefore, provide suitable signage offering directions to the park entrances. Directional signs should be suitably positioned to allow persons approaching from all directions to see them easily. For medium range location and direction signs the text height should be a minimum of 60mm. 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'	2	3	2	€1,000
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	Green Street.	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. Consultation with the local roads authority may be required. A dropped kerb will also be required at the drop off point.	1	2,3	2	€1,000

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	Green Street.	There are no wheelchair accessible parking facilities provided. However there is adequate room for one to be provided in the side street. 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.	1	2,3	2	€1,000
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)?	Yes						
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?	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)?	No		Amenity signage is not present but the area is very small and entry/ exit points at each corner of the area making traversing easy. No action required.				
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

The existing seating is not suitable for persons with ambulant disabilities. Normally a bench/seating should include suitable arm supports to assist ambulant disabled persons however the two benches in this area are inbuilt around a low level wall which acts as an arm support aiding persons in getting to their feet. No action required.

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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 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?	Yes						

6.3 Do play areas have rubberised safety surfaces (or similar safety surfaces)? Yes

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

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

6.7 Do all steps to equipment incorporate handrails? Yes

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