

Project: Dublin CC Accessibility Audits

Job No: 23399



Use Type: Public Park

Auditor: G Speirs

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Capita Ref: 083

Name: Willie Pearse Park

Address: South 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?	No		Refer to item 1.7.				€0
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		Park opening times are not known and the existing levels of lighting would not be sufficient to accommodate use at times when natural light has faded. Recommend installation of lighting / additional lighting to highlight location of main access routes / points of attraction. A budgetary cost is included. Management to determine if park is to be accesible to visitors after dark.		1,2,3	4	€2,000



1.7	Is the approach route to the park entrances clearly signed?	No		The park is not well signed on approach. Recommend that signage be provided on all major approach routes. A budgetary cost is included.	2,3	1	€200
1.8	Is the approach route to the park suitably lit (if park operates after dark)?	No	Within Confines of Park	Park opening times are not known and the existing levels of lighting would not be sufficient to accommodate use at times when natural light has faded. Recommend installation of lighting / additional lighting to highlight location of main access routes / points of attraction. A budgetary cost is included. Management to determine if park is to be accessible to visitors after dark.	1	4	€10,000
1.9	Is the approach route to the park entrances free of hazards such as bollards, litter bins etc?	No		There is a large boulder situated at one of the entrances to the park- photo 2. Recommend removal of this to allow for ease of access by wheelchair users and persons who may require assistance. It is understood this is to prevent motor vehicles/bikes accessing the park, however, this is not a long term solution. Park management should consider installing a gate system which is fully accessible to wheelchair users but excludes unauthorised vehicles.	2	1	€5,000
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?	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?	No	Entrances	Provide suitable signage at main entrances to identify the park and facilities within	1	1,2	1	€400
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 3.1				
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?	No		Park gates would be difficult for someone with limited mobility / dexterity to operate. Recommend all main gates are kept fully ajar during operating hour. This is an issue for management to consider.			4	€0

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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?	Yes						



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<b>4.3</b>	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
<b>4.4</b>	Is adequate seating with armrests provided in larger parks?	Yes
<b>4.5</b>	Does the park allow general movement to all areas; accessible paths, accessible gates, segregation of pedestrians from vehicles?	Yes
<b>4.6</b>	Are circulation routes kept free of debris, foliage, overgrown plants/shrubs etc?	Yes

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