

Project: Dublin CC Accessibility Audits

Job No: 23399



Use Type: Public Park

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Capita Ref: 082

Name: Brickfield 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	Approach to main entrance	There is limited physical assistance on route to the park. Recommend that crossover points be incorporated with tactile blister paving to either side. This need only be incorporated on the main approach routes. A budgetary cost is included. . This may be the responsibility of the Roads Department.	1	1	1	€1,000
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 include		1	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 operated at night.	2,3	4	€5,000
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?	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 item 3.2.				€0
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		The park is not well signed at entrance areas. Recommend that signage be provided at all entrances to indicate its name and purpose etc (if applicable). A budgetary cost is included.	1	1	1	€200

3.3	Is there level access to park entrances?	No	Stepped Entrance to Park	There are entrances to the park where level access is not incorporated. No action is required as alternative level access is available. Recommend signage to indicate wheelchair accessible entrances.	1	1	€200
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?	N/A					

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		There is insufficient seating within the park. Recommend that seating be provided with arm rests and back support. A budgetary cost is given for approximately 5 No. benches / seating.	5 No.		2	€1,000

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?	No		The external stairs have no means of assisting persons with a visual impairment on approach - photo 3. Recommend incorporating a section of tactile corduroy paving to the top of the external stairs.		3	1	€500
5.2	Are there suitable handrails each side and do they extend 300mm beyond top and bottom of stair?	No		There are external stairs where no handrails have been fitted photo 3. It is recommended that handrails are provided at external stairs where no handrails are provided or where the existing handrails are unsuitable for use by persons with limited dexterity. Handrails should be fitted at a height between 900 – 1000mm from the surface of the stairs. Generally handrails should: 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), Be of a suitable finish that contrasts in colour and luminance with the surroundings against which it is seen without being overly obtrusive to the eye. Handrails should extend 300mm beyond the top and bottom step where practical to do so.		3	1	€2,000

5.3	Is lighting adequate and well positioned (if park opens after dark)?	No	Refer to item 1.8.			€0
5.4	Are treads and risers uniform?	Yes				
5.5	Are stair nosings identifiable?	No	There are external steps where the nosings are not readily identifiable and may present a trip hazard to persons with a visual impairment. Provide colour contrasting nosings to the external steps to contrast in colour and luminance with the existing treads and risers. (This can be paint applied)	3	1	€100
5.6	Are landings big enough and provided at intermediate levels in a long flight?	Yes				

