

Project: Dublin CC Accessibility Audits

Job No: 23399



Use Type: Public Park

Auditor: G Speirs

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Capita Ref: 073

Name: Grattan Crescent 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 Site	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 Roads Department responsibility.	1	3	1	€5,000
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.		3	1	€200



1.8	Is the approach route to the park suitably lit (if park operates after dark)?	No	Within Confines of Site	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 after dark.		3	3	€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?	No	On-Street Parking	There is street parking designated for disabled use that is unsuitable for independent wheelchair use - photo 3.  Recommend that at two bays (one for drop off and one for parking) are altered for use by wheelchair users. This will require drop kerbs to be incorporated.  All proposed parking to be set out as per NDA Building for everyone guidance.	1 No. / 1 No.	3	1	€1,500

### 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.		2,3	1	€200



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?	No	Entrance to Site	There are areas of the paving surface that are cracked and uneven - photo 2. Recommend altering paving to allow for the smooth and even transfer of wheelchair users. A budgetary cost is included.	2	1,2	1	€2,000
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?	N/A						
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 2 No. benches / seating.	2 No.		2	€400



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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

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4.6 Are circulation routes kept free of debris, foliage, overgrown plants/shrubs etc? Yes

