

Project: Dublin CC Accessibility Audits

Job No: 23399



Use Type: Public Park

Auditor: G Speirs

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Capita Ref: 071

Name: Markievicz 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?	Yes						
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.			1	€200
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?	No		There are bollards at entrance gates but wheelchair users could easily pass through this space - photo 2. Colour/tonal contrast bollards/concrete posts against the background to assist visitors with visual impairments. This can be paint applied.	1,2	1	€300
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. This is primarily due to vandalism - photo 3. Recommend that signage be provided at all entrances to indicate its name and purpose etc (if applicable). A budgetary cost is included.		3	1	€200
3.3	Is there level access to park entrances?	No		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. In effect there are sufficient level entrances to meet the requirements of all users.		1,5	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?	No		Park gates would be difficult for someone with limited mobility / dexterity to operate. Recommend all main gates are kept fully ajar during operating hours. This is a management issue.			4	€0

#### 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?	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 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						



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

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**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						

