



Wicklow County Council
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Access Audit Summary Sheet

CAPITA SYMONDS

Subject: **Shillelagh**

Audited: **25 March 2008**

Details: **Co. Wicklow**

Accessibility Grade

A - Wholly Compliant

B- Satisfactory, minor works needed

C - Poor. Major alterations required

D - Significant issues which severely restrict access and service operations. Major capital works required

Allocated Grading

B

Estimate of Totals	No of Alterations	Estimated Costs
Priority 1	1	€5,000
Priority 2	1	€1,200
Priority 3	4	€2,500
Priority 4		€0
All Costs	7	€9,180

Auditor:	J Lowe
Signed:	
Date:	

Summary Statement

Shillelagh Town Centre, Co. Wicklow

The area audited was found to be generally of good accessibility. There was a pedestrian specific bridge installed in order to separate road traffic from persons requiring to cross the river and this was of good wide access however the paint scheme used is of low visual contrast. The access on and off the bridge would be visually difficult to recognise especially in poor light conditions, There is no reflective indicators and secondly, there is no signage. Likewise the safety barriers when approached head on are thin and of poor visual contrast. There is two road crossings that could be improved on as the dropped kerb direct persons out into the main road area as opposed to across the side road. There is two disabled parking bays provided in convenient areas of local amenity. They are of a good size and highly conspicuous in blue road surfacing, the only comment is that there is no high level signage to indicate to passing disabled motorists on approach.

Regarding public transport, there were no obvious amenities such as bus stops. It is recommended that discussions with representatives of Bus Eirann should take place to provide supportive facilities such as wheelchair access. Most existing bus stops do not provide any shelter from the elements. It would be of good practice including general benefit for all the public to consider strategic placement of shelters.

Along the main streets, there is generally a lack of suitable seating areas. A review of providing seats at regular intervals along main thoroughfares should take place. Following guidelines from section 5.3.7 of NDA "Building for Everyone".

The main access audit was carried out by John Lowe and is based on the conditions encountered during an inspection on March 2008.