

Castleblayney Walkability Survey

Q	SURVEY REF	1	3	7	8	4	8	5	6	2
ROUTE WALKED	Glen, Main St, Market Sq	Commons Car Park, York St, Market Sq	Bramley Grove to Monaghan Rd	Mucknoo Pk to Mindzeny Park	Monaghan Rd to Iontas Centre	Laurel Hill to Blackhill	York St to Faughs GAA	York St to Faughs GAA	York St to Faughs GAA	York St to Faughs GAA
ROUTE NO	1	2	3	4	6	7	8	8	8	8
TIME	2pm	4pm	6pm	6pm		6pm	7pm	7:30pm	7:30pm	4.30pm
1	Footpaths - level, no trip hazards	Some loose paving	Parts ok, others bad	Frost damage to footpath opposite Bramley house	Pot holes and water valve lids missing	Yes	One dangerous pothole from Laurel Hill to St. Mary's	Significant no of cracks, slants, MH covers projecting above GL	A number of trip hazards ie. MH covers projecting above GL	Exposed Man holes at Watters & Enterprise Ctr - trip hazards
2	Footpath level and comfortable	Steep around courthouse (unavoidable)	some level, others unlevel	Yes	Yes	Not really (2)	Yes	No, steep slopes (Scout hall corner) to Church	No, steep slopes, drainage in centre of footpath - risk of slipping	Uneven sections approaching football ground, inward sloping sections may cause discomfort to wheelchair users
3	Footpath - wide enough?	Yes	Yes, except on Henry St the left hand footpath is very narrow	Yes	Yes	No, it is quite narrow in places	Yes	No, several narrow parts where cars had parked, also too narrow at Malone's Corner	narrow points esp at Trunk Rd Garage - cars parked on path	Yes
4	Footpath - obstructions?	No obstructions except on bin day	None	Display board at Cash and Carry Fuels	No	Not really (2)	No	Concrete flowerpots on footpath beside bus shelter, pole beside church	One large flowerpot at Alms houses causing obstruction	Overhanging trees and bushes
5	Pedestrian crossings - convenient and safe?	Roundabout dangerous with pedestrian crossings	Lack of pedestrian crossings especially at Market Sq	Yes	No crossings	Confusion at the two crossings opposite old Supervalu / McConnons	No crossings	Convenient but not all safe - not designed for blind people except at Main St and School, no ramp at football grounds	Reasonable but poor lighting	No sign at boys school - may need one there for crossing
		Glen crossing cars don't always stop at crossing								
6	Dropped kerbs at suitable locations?	Yes	Some yes, others no	Yes, but none at Drumillard	No wheelchair or buggy access at Castle Square Gate entry or at Mindzenty Pk	Yes, but there are dangerous level changes in places	No dropped kerb from Crescent to Crescent Hill Estate	None at Coach Inn orv football ground	Not really	One more needed at C'blayney College (at Enterprise Ctr)
7	Car parking available near to shops	Plenty at the Glen	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	None on route	limited at Church	limited at Church	Yes
8	Accessible parking spaces close to shops	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	None on route	limited at Church	None along route	-
9	Is the 2 hr parking restriction a problem?	No	-	No	No	No	n/a	noted illegal parking despite double yellow lines blocking access to footpath	Neither agree nor disagree	No
10	Easy to access footpaths from car spaces?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Neither agree nor disagree	-	Neither agree nor disagree	Risk of slips, trips	Yes
11	Pedestrian and vehicle conflict?	At roundabout	In Market Sq	No	No	Neither agree nor disagree	-	Conflict at filling station	Danger where pedestrians are crossing to Conabury	-
		At Glen crossing								
12	Benches available where required?	No - and there is spaces available	Yes	None available	No seats available	Yes	Yes	limited, only 2 at bus station area and then no further seating	Only one at Almshouses	Yes
13	Signage - street names provided and are clear?	Provided, clear, easy to read	Commons Car Park sign obscured by trees, writing too small	No street signs	Yes	Needs attention	The sign for Doctor-on-call not visible enough	Yes	Neither agree nor disagree	No signs for: Primary Care unit or Health Ctr
			Absence of street names - only saw one on Henry St - had to ask people the street names							Monaghan/Keady sign would be better if at Shebeen
14	Public buildings easy to find?	Library in Iontas, Post office in shopping centre (sign still on Main Street looks like its still open)	Concerned about potential for cars to block entrance to Fire station	No sign for Social Welfare	None on route	Yes	The sign for Iontas not big enough and hidden bu a tree	Yes	Neither agree nor disagree	Yes
15	Problem with litter, dog droppings	no	no	No	No	Neither agree nor disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Lots of weeds	Some droppings, weeds	no
16	Specific problems on certain days?	Loading bays can cause a problem - ie. block traffic lights when delivering to Glencairn Shopping Centre	-	No	No	No, school wardens do an excellent job	Parking can be a problem at school times at Laurel Hill	Yes, when events are held in church or football grounds - cars will park on footpath	School times and church ceremonies	not really
17	Footpaths well lit	Yes	-	-	-	Yes	-	Neither agree nor disagree	Not really	
18	Lighting adequate at crossings?	Yes	-	-	-	Yes	-	Not really	Not really	Yes
19	Street feels safe?	Yes	-	-	-	Yes	-	Neither agree nor disagree	Not really	Yes
20	Road markings clear in the dark?	Yes	-	-	-	Neither agree nor disagree	-	Not really	Not really	Yes
	Any other comments?		Courthouse is an eyesore			Very few elderly people make this journey on foot			Surfaces dangerous during frosty conditions. Town bypass has reduced traffic volumes but this busy road and junctions make it a dangerous route for all pedestrians. Cars parked on footpath make them very narrow. Uneven surfaces difficult for wheelchair users.	