

Neighbourhood Area Infrastructure Audit – Acomb Neighbourhood Plan

Our current community facilities and infrastructure in the area

1. What is the name or piece of infrastructure you are recording?

Acomb First School

2. Is the facility or infrastructure you are recording indoors or outdoors?

- Indoors
 Outdoors
 Both

3. What is the primary use of the facility/infrastructure?

- Community
 Education
 Health
 Emergency Service *
 Sport and Recreation
 Social
 Cultural
 Worship
 Retail
 Local Service
 Environmental

Other (please specify)

* Designated Flood Refuge Centre

4. Are there community activities provided in the facility?

- Yes
 No

5. If yes - please list the community activities within the facility.

- Parent and Toddler Group using shared School Hall
- Little Oaks (Acomb) Ltd Nursery
- Acomb WI using shared School Hall
- Use of Parish common land for Forest Activities
- Large yard shared with School
- Small Outdoor Classroom shared with School
- Field shared with School
- Community Orchard shared with school
- Breakfast Club using shared School Hall
- After school care using shared School Hall

Community facilities initiated and sustained by Nursery Manager

6. Approximately, when is the facility available for use?

- Weekdays only
- Weekdays evenings only
- Weekends only
- Weekends evenings only
- 7 days a week (including evenings)
- 24 hours
- Other (please specify)

Weekdays only term time with exception of Acomb WI using School Hall once a month in evenings

7. Approximately how many people use the facility?

Per week?

Per year?

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Questions about the building

8. Who owns the facility?

Local Authority

9. What is the type of ownership?

Freehold (NCC Education)

Leasehold

10. If the building is Leasehold, what is the length of the lease?

11. What is the approximate size of the facility in square metres?

Please see attached floor space and outline

12. How many spaces, rooms or halls are available for community use?

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1

2

3

4 or more

Other (please specify)

13. Please record the spaces and facilities available to use?

Main Hall

Secondary Hall

Meeting room

Stage

Toilets 3 x 3

Accessible Toilets

Kitchen

Other (Please specify)

Shower/changing rooms

Child friendly facilities

Storage

Social facilities (e.g. licensed bar)

Office

Secure cycle parking

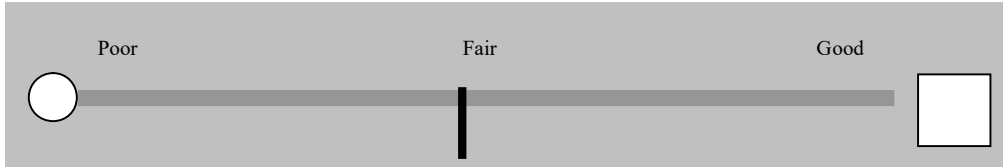
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In addition, 4 teaching spaces: Nursery; Reception; Class One; Class Two/Library; Conservatory.

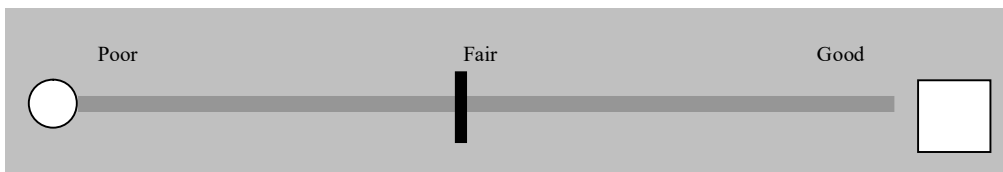
14. Do you have any comments about the condition of any of the facilities available currently?

Older parts of the building require repairs, e.g. Nursery and Reception.
New build in 2012 relatively new and in good condition.

15. How would you rate the energy efficiency of the building?



16. How would you describe the general repair of the building?



17. What is the number of total car parking spaces?

6 spaces for exclusive use of school

18. How many disabled parking spaces?

None

19. How many secure cycle parking spaces are there?

None

20. How is the cost of running and maintaining the building and facilities met?

- Fees and charges
- Funds - LA
- Donations
- Grants
- Funding
- Other (Please specify)

21. What is the catchment area for the use of your facility?

- Northumberland wide
- Acomb and beyond
- Acomb only
- Other (Please specify)

The future of the facilities and infrastructure

22. Do you think there will be a greater demand for use of the facility or infrastructure in the future?

- Number of babies born to mothers within the village has increased
- New housing development will increase numbers potentially
- School Hall bookable as an alternative to the poor Village Hall facilities

23. Are there any other issues relating to this community facility or piece of infrastructure that you wish to record?

- Following the last Ofsted results (January 2018), the status was awarded Good.
- Strong possibility for a change from 3-tier to 2-tier educational system within the Hexham Partnership Group with the potential future planning for the school to become Acomb Primary School accommodating 2 extra year groups, 5 and 6, within the rented space taken up by Little Oaks Nursery currently.
- Dependent on future plans, as above, the continued nursery provision within the village (see Little Oaks Nursery Audit) may require to be delivered from another venue that may not be integral to the school which has currently benefited both organisations.