



Fig. 1 Aerial photograph of site showing Acomb Primary and West Bank Park. Not to scale.



Fig. 2 Ariel view of Acomb Primary School and Site. Not to scale.

Key
 Site Boundary



Fig. 3 1st Holgate Scouts

Background

Since 1981 1st Holgate Scout Group has been successfully engaging and developing young people. The Group has now reached a point where suitably robust, spacious accommodation, with outdoor space is unavailable to meet the demand from local young people.

The group has doubled in size since 2009 and is now the largest Scout Group in North Yorkshire with over 260 members. It still has a list of young people aged 6 and over waiting to begin their Scouting journey. The Group is also the largest single provider of youth activities in the Holgate area.

The Group has been engaged in researching suitable sites for a number of years, as there has always been an aspiration to have its own building; however there are limited suitable and available sites or buildings in the area. The lack of a multi-functional community building designed to meet the needs of young people within Holgate is constricting the Group's ability to meet the current and projected needs of the area's young people. The Group's current home, Holgate Methodist Church is running at capacity and the Scout Group has had to open new sections using a different venue to meet demand for its services. The existing building is in need of repair and the needs of its users often conflict.

In parallel Acomb Out of School Club might have a need for a new home in line with projected increase in demand for school places. Initial discussions have shown that a new building, as envisaged by the group, would meet their requirement and therefore provide a reliable and sustainable source of income for the group. The group's executive committee firmly believes that The Scout Association's ambition that Scouting will be enjoyed by more young people and more adult volunteers is vital to developing a strong community in Holgate.

With this level of need the Group feels that the most appropriate local solution is to develop an exciting and sustainable resource that will have a strong community impact and long-term benefit to a wide range of users.



Fig. 4 View across the site toward the south east corner and 'screen' of high level leylandii hedge to West Bank Park Car Park



Fig. 5 View across the site toward the North West corner and JRHT social housing to James Backhouse Place