

# Cottenham Village Design Group

## Planning application comments

### **S/0641/05/F**

#### **Coolidge Gardens, Cottenham – Additional Residents Parking Area**

The Design Group is happy to see additional car parking provision in this location. However, we would wish to see an accompanying proposal to provide equivalent green space in another location.

*'Although Cottenham is a rural village, its share of public open space per head of population is below the level recommended in the Local Plan.'* (Cottenham Village Design Statement p.17)

### **S/0645/05/O**

#### **R/O 34 Rampton Road, Cottenham – Erection of Bungalow and Garage**

The Design Group supports development on appropriate infill plots. While this site can accommodate a single storey dwelling of the size indicated, we do have some concern regarding the proposed access. The long and very narrow driveway squeezed between the existing property and boundary appears to be wholly inadequate to serve as the only means of access for construction and for subsequently accessing the new property. We therefore conclude that this is not an appropriate infill plot and hence cannot support this application.

Should outline permission be granted, we would encourage a high quality development.

*'Encouragement will be given to well-designed buildings on appropriate infill plots.'*  
(Cottenham Village Design Statement p.22)

*'Buildings in new developments should acknowledge their Cottenham context and avoid pattern-book designs. Respect local characteristics and context of the particular site. Use good quality materials.'* (Design Statement p.23)

### **S/0661/05/F**

#### **18 Dunstal Field, Cottenham – Extensions**

We have no comment on this application.

**S/0694/05/F**

**Stagwood House Beach Road, Cottenham – Extension to Factory, Alterations to  
Car Park and New Access (Renewal of TLPP S/1264/99/F)**

The Design Group encourages the retention of small-scale commercial activities and the development of businesses offering employment opportunities, however large-scale industrial development would be inappropriate in Cottenham. We consider this relatively modest extension to this purpose-built industrial site to be acceptable.

We are therefore happy to support renewal of this existing permission.

*'It is important to retain and develop Cottenham's character as a working village offering a variety of employment. Industrial estates and commercial developments should be designed to high architectural standards. Cottenham is considered unsuitable for large-scale industrial development.'* (Cottenham Village Design Statement p.7)

**S/0716/05/LB**

**86 High Street, Cottenham – Alterations: Replace Bathroom Window on North  
Elevation with Two Light Casement**

The Design Group agrees that the existing window is inappropriate and that its replacement with something more suited to the building is desirable. The proposed two light casement is an acceptable solution in this location. The specification of white painted wood is in-line with what we would expect.

*'The style and materials used for replacement doors and windows should match those of the original building.'* (Cottenham Village Design Statement p.22)

*'Use good quality materials appropriate to Cottenham.'* (Design Statement p.23)

**S/0729/05/F**

**King George Playing Fields, Lambs Lane, Cottenham – Erection of Pavilion for  
Bowls Club**

The Design Group welcomes the development of sports facilities in the village. The proposed building is appropriate for this use and location.

*'It is important that village community facilities are retained and increased to maintain vitality. Additional health, sporting and cultural facilities are required.'* (Cottenham Village Design Statement p.5)

Applications viewed by Steven Poole and Katherine Heydon, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2005.