

Cottenham Village Design Group

Planning application comments

S/2049/05/F

79 Rooks Street, Cottenham – Storage Shed

Although this is a large structure, it appears that its impact would be largely confined to the adjacent properties while its visibility from nearby streets would be limited.

S/2191/05/CM

Cottenham Village College, High Street, Cottenham – Retention of a 1 x 3 Bay Mobile Classroom Building for Educational Purposes

It is important to provide adequate facilities for education within the village. However, these facilities should be built to the same high standards of design and construction that we expect for residential and commercial developments. We do not object to the renewal of this permission as a short-term measure but do suggest that consideration be given to replacement with a more permanent structure once capital budgets allow.

'The infrastructure, including education ..., must be improved to keep pace with an expanding population' (Cottenham Village Design Statement p.5)

'Use high quality buildings and layouts' (Design Statement p.7)

S/2212/05/F

57 Lambs Lane, Cottenham – Extension and Wall

This is a prominent site with a long frontage to the Harlestones Road and Lambs Lane junction. We therefore welcome the revised siting of the boundary wall (compared to application S/1454/05/F) and the associated retention of external planting areas which we would expect to be landscaped to soften this boundary.

We have no comment on the proposed extension.

'Landscape design criteria should form a key aspect in the layout, form and urban design qualities of new developments.' (Cottenham Village Design Statement p.9)

S/2223/05/F

18 Rampton Road, Cottenham – Extension

We believe there is a danger that the height and mass of this front extension will tend to overpower the original house. In addition, the fenestration to the front elevation appears somewhat awkward. We hope that it might be possible to improve these design issues with relatively minor adjustments.

'Refer to local building forms and proportion.' (Cottenham Village Design Statement p.23)

S/2234/05/F

Land R/O 151 High Street (Access from Rooks Street), Cottenham – Bungalow

We are pleased to see that slates and buff facing bricks are specified and would hope that equally appropriate joinery materials would be selected for use in this Conservation Area location.

'Respect local characteristics and context of the particular site. Refer to local building forms and proportion. Use good quality materials appropriate to Cottenham.' (Cottenham Village Design Statement p.23)

S/2249/05/F

22 Leopold Walk, Cottenham – Extension

We have no comment on this application.

Applications viewed by Steven Poole and John Williams, 5th December 2005.