

Cottenham Village Design Group

Planning application comments

S/0702/06/F

12 New Town, Cottenham – Side Extension

We have no comment on this application.

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Fern Farm, Short Drove, Cottenham – Caravan

The Design Group is in general opposed to new building on open land outside the village framework on the grounds that it is likely to disrupt the locally distinctive open character of the landscape. However, we do recognise that where a very strong need can be demonstrated in relation to agricultural or related activities it is reasonable to permit limited development. Such development should be of good design using locally appropriate forms and materials – unlikely to be achievable with any caravan.

'This is a landscape of wide views and open spaces.' (Cottenham Village Design Statement p.10)

'Refer to local building forms and proportion. Use good quality materials appropriate to Cottenham.' (Design Statement p.23)

Applications viewed by Steven Poole and Robin Heydon, 11th May 2006.