

# Cottenham Village Design Group

## Planning application comments

### **S/1341/06/F**

#### **205 - 207 High Street, Cottenham – Alterations to Windows and Doors and Installation of Air Conditioning Condensing Units**

The Design Group welcomes this application as it retains and develops a local employment opportunity and proposes changes which are in-keeping with the building and its location. We also note that the proposal is well presented through plans and drawings of particularly high quality.

However, we are disappointed to observe that work has commenced ahead of permission being granted and that this includes heavy sandblasting of brickwork which does not seem to be necessary.

*'It is important to retain and develop Cottenham's character as a working village offering a variety of employment. Small-scale enterprises will be welcomed within the village.'*  
(Cottenham Village Design Statement p.7)

*'Buildings should be maintained using original or sympathetic materials and details. The style and materials used for replacement doors and windows should match those of the original building; and size should be of the correct proportion to the facade. Brickwork should be retained in its original state ... sandblasting is detrimental.'* (Design Statement p.22)

### **S/1372/06/F**

#### **35 High Street, Cottenham – Garage / Carport (Renewal Period Consent S/0206/01/F)**

We have no comment on this application.

### **S/1381/06/LB**

#### **35 High Street, Cottenham – Replacement of 5 Windows on Rear and Side Elevation with Double Glazed Windows, Blocking of One Window and Replacement of Rear Door With Double Glazed Unit**

The Design Group is pleased to see that this proposal includes an intention to repair rather than replace windows where possible. We support the plan to better coordinate windows to the rear elevation although would much prefer that sash windows were used throughout on the first floor – to give true coordination.

We are unclear from the supplied drawings exactly what is proposed as a replacement for the rear door – something similar to the present door would be preferable to a fully glazed alternative.

*'The style and materials used for replacement doors and windows should match those of the original building; and size should be of the correct proportion to the facade.'* (Cottenham Village Design Statement p.22)

**S/1399/06/F**

**Foxlands, Long Drove, Cottenham – Extension**

We have no comment on this application.

Applications viewed by Steven Poole and Alexander Thoukydides, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2006.