

Cottenham Village Design Group

Planning application comments

S/1891/06/F

6 Paxton Close, Cottenham – Extension

We have no comment on this application.

S/1894/06/F

R/O 15 Telegraph Street, Cottenham – Extension and Conversion of Barn into Dwelling and Erection of Garage (Revised Design)

We have no further comment to make on this development; the fenestration changes proposed do not materially impact the comments previously submitted by the group (regarding application S/0544/06/F).

S/1900/06/F

108 Histon Road, Cottenham – Extensions

This application, although still proposing a major extension, is an improvement on the previous application (S/0578/06/F) in terms of reduced bulk and complexity.

We welcome the intention to introduce native landscaping and note the references to the Village Design Statement in this respect. However, as no details of this proposal have been included, we are unable to comment on this aspect of the application. We would prefer to see detailed landscaping plans in support of this intention.

‘New developments on the village edge should give high priority to landscape design, to protect and enhance the external view of the village. Do not form a stark edge to the village, or spoil the outside view, by neglecting the backs of gardens or buildings. Plant native species to retain landscape character and to benefit wildlife within the village.’ (Cottenham Village Design Statement p.9 and p.10)

S/1971/06/LB

309 High Street, Cottenham – Replacement of Picket Fence and Gate with 1.3m High Wall and Boarded Double Gates

and

S/1972/06/F

309 High Street, Cottenham – Garden Wall and Gates

The Design Group supports the removal of inappropriate fencing and paving and their replacement with the proposed brick wall, boarded gates and alternative paving. However, we suggest that a more substantial coping layer on the wall would better reflect the period and quality of this property.

Applications viewed by Steven Poole and John Williams, 1st November 2006.