

Cottenham Village Design Group

Planning application comments

S/0466/07/F

66 Rooks Street, Cottenham – Extension

This new application proposes an extension of reduced bulk and use of locally appropriate slate roofing material. We consider both changes to be improvements on the earlier application for this site, S/2225/06/F. We also notice the addition of a well located solar panel.

'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/0471/07/F

2 Willow Grange Cottages, Ely Road Chittering, Cottenham – Extension and Double Garage

This development is on the edge of Cottenham Parish and may be better considered in the context of neighbouring Chittering. We have no specific comment on this application.

S/0476/07/O

Land adj. 39A Victory Way, Cottenham – 2 Bungalows

If access difficulties can be overcome, the development of this site for the number and style of dwellings proposed appears to be appropriate. As this is a village-edge location, we would wish to see a landscaping proposal for the external site boundary.

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

'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. Shelter and contain the edge using appropriate native broadleaf species.' (Design Statement p.9)

S/0537/07/F

Derwent Cottage Smithy Fen, Cottenham – Change of Use of Land to Construct Riding Manege for Personal Use

We feel that the impact of this development on the open landscape will be minimal in this location. We are pleased that the application includes a proposal to plant a few trees; we suggest locally native broadleaf species should be selected.

'This is a landscape of wide views and open spaces. Plant native species to retain landscape character and to benefit wildlife...' (Cottenham Village Design Statement p.10)

Applications viewed by Steven Poole and Alex Darby, 17th April 2007.