

# Cottenham Village Design Group

## Planning application comments

### **S/0579/07/F**

#### **180 High Street, Cottenham – Extension**

We are pleased to see that this application specifies a locally appropriate brick type, with distinctive local brick detailing to the eaves and flat brick arches over openings.

*'Buildings should be maintained using original or sympathetic materials and details.'*  
(Cottenham Village Design Statement p.22)

*'Use good quality materials appropriate to Cottenham.'* (Design Statement p.23)

### **S/0587/07/F**

#### **8 Harlestones Road, Cottenham – Extensions**

We have no comment on this application.

### **S/0715/07/A**

#### **Co-Op Food Store, High Street, Cottenham – Signs**

The Design Group considers that the colours proposed for this signage are rather bright for this Conservation Area location. However, we note that it would replace an already large and prominent sign and that the proposed design appears to be of at least equal quality in other respects. We suggest that the condition limiting illumination of signage to the shop opening hours should be retained.

In general terms, we welcome this development as a step towards the refurbishment of this prominent site, and hope that the opportunity will be taken to renovate the general appearance of the surrounding area which is currently rather run down.

*'Shops and business premises have a major visual impact. Use non-reflective signs in quieter colours fixed flush to buildings. Restrict the brightness of external and internal lighting.'* (Cottenham Village Design Statement p.7)

### **S/0721/07/F**

#### **16 Newtown, Cottenham – Proposed Pitched Roof Over Existing Flat Roofed Extension**

We have no comment on this application.

**S/0738/07/F**

**Cottenham Village College, High Street, Cottenham – Mobile Unit (renewal of Time - Limited Permission S/1197/02/F)**

It is important to provide appropriate 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 renewal of this permission as a short-term measure but note that there have been several applications of this type for the CVC site recently. We suggest that consideration be given to replacement of these structures with a more permanent solution 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)

Applications viewed by Steven Poole and John Williams, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2007.