

Cottenham Village Design Group

Planning application comments

S/1365/07/F

180 High Street, Cottenham – Extension

We have no additional comment to make on this new application beyond that which we submitted against the original application (S/0579/07/F).

We note that the revision to this new application (drawing 464/2 marked AMENDED 3rd August, replacing drawing 464/2A marked 12th July 2007 by SCDC) appears to have reverted to match the original application.

S/1502/07/F

The Lakes, Twenty Pence Road, Cottenham – Part Demolition and Conversion of House to 4 Dwellings (Retrospective Application)

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. Although this location is more screened than most, we consider this to be an inappropriate location for new development. However, this is an unusual application which proposes an imaginative conversion and separation of an existing dwelling with no increase to overall footprint.

It is important that any conversion is completed to a high standard using matching materials as far as is possible. Although the application refers to the use of bricks and tiles from a matching palette, we notice that cement render is specified for many of the newly created external walls.

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

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

S/1525/07/F

46 Victory Way, Cottenham – Extension

We have no comment on this application.

Applications viewed by Steven Poole and Katherine Heydon, 21st August 2007.