

Cottenham Village Design Group

Planning application comments

S/1856/07/F

Screens & Graphics, Units 4, 5 & 6a, 25 High Street, Cottenham – Erection of single storey light industrial building following demolition of existing and

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25 High Street, Cottenham – Total demolition of building 4, 5 & 6

We welcome the accommodation of small-scale light industrial activities within the village in locations such as this one. We recognise that the existing building is of poor quality and that this redevelopment is necessary to provide suitable accommodation. We suggest that the replacement building could be improved further if a roof-covering more appropriate to this Conservation Area location was specified. The use of stained feather-edged boarding is locally appropriate – we assume that this will be black in colour.

‘Small-scale enterprises will be welcomed within the village. Barns and yards provide scope to locate businesses within the village. Use high quality buildings and layouts.’ (Cottenham Village Design Statement p.7)

‘Use good quality materials appropriate to Cottenham.’ (Design Statement p.23)

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12 Appletree Close, Cottenham – Conservatory

We have no comment on the proposed conservatory. However, the long south west boundary to this site currently forms a stark edge to the village in a highly-visible approach location. We suggest that consideration should be given to softening this edge through planting of appropriate native broadleaf species.

‘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.’ (Cottenham Village Design Statement p.9)

Applications viewed by Steven Poole and Mike Smith, 16th October 2007.