

# Cottenham Village Design Group

## Planning application comments

**S/1933/08/F**

**167 High Street, Cottenham – Single storey side and rear extension**

We are pleased to see that this application respects the adjacent and historic wall in this prominent Conservation Area location. We have no further comment on this application.

**S/1993/08/F**

**Land to the North-west of 18 Lambs Lane, Cottenham – Dwelling**

We have no comment on the proposed siting of a new dwelling in this location but believe that more opportunity exists in this design to either renew the architectural traditions of Cottenham or to provide more acknowledgment of the local context. We consider the proposed elevation to Crowlands to be particularly disappointing.

The proposed use of locally appropriate materials such as buff brick, slate roofing and white painted timber windows is welcomed.

The provision of perspective drawings would help to further judge the design against the terrace of Victorian cottages opposite and other neighbouring buildings.

*'B/1: High-quality contemporary architecture is encouraged. Imaginative and original design can extend and renew the distinctive character and traditions of Cottenham's built environment. Encouragement will be given to well-designed buildings on appropriate infill plots.'* (Cottenham Village Design Statement p.18)

*'B/6: New developments should acknowledge their Cottenham context and avoid pattern-book designs. Developments can maintain and strengthen the visual cohesion of the village, and help to renew the specific architectural traditions of Cottenham. Refer to local building forms and proportion. There is a variety of proportions throughout the village: developments can reflect those which are adjacent.'* (Design Statement p.19)

*'B/7: Developers should provide perspective drawings, isometric drawings or artists' impressions to show how new developments will appear in relation to their overall surroundings.'* (Design Statement p.19)

**S/2021/08/F**

**239 High Street, Cottenham – Extension and Conversion of existing outbuilding to ancillary accommodation (revised design)**

This is a high quality application for conversion and restoration of these redundant outbuildings. Fabric is reinstated where appropriate and materials, including reclaimed gault bricks, are correctly specified. We particularly support the proposal to retain the frontage in its current form as far as possible and to re-use windows on the High Street as advertisement space for local use.

We have no additional comment on the proposed amendments to the approved scheme (S/1391/08/F).

*'B/5: Reuse barns and outbuildings through conversions where appropriate. Minimise changes to the existing building such that its existing character is maintained. Avoid piercing the façade and roofline: lighting can be achieved by the minimal use of roof lights and by glazing existing openings.'* (Cottenham Village Design Statement p.19)

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