

# Cottenham Village Design Group

## Planning application comments

### **S/0310/09/F**

#### **Land between Alboro House & Lodge Farm Twentypence Road, Cottenham – Manège**

We have no comment on this application.

### **S/0354/09/F**

#### **36 Margett Street, Cottenham – Extension**

We have no comment on this application.

### **S/0416/09/F**

#### **337 High Street, Cottenham – Conversion & Extension (including Rooflight & Escape Door) of Garage/Store to form Annex**

The Design Group view this proposal as an enhancement to a modern garage building which is located within a sensitive part of the Conservation Area. We support the proposed changes to the roof structure, the location of the roof light in the rear elevation and the replacement of concrete pantiles with natural slate.

*'B/2: Buildings should be maintained using original or sympathetic materials and details. Roof lights should be located carefully, preferably where they are not visible from the street. In more sensitive sites, roof lights should be mounted flush with the roof and the number of openings minimised.'* (Cottenham Village Design Statement p.18)

### **S/0421/09/F**

#### **27 Dunstal Field, Cottenham – Extension**

We have no comment on this application.

**S/0442/09/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 and consider that this design is significantly improved on the earlier application (S/1993/08/F). We particularly support the addition of the cat slide dormer to add interest to the proposed elevation to Crowlands.

The proposed use of locally appropriate materials such as buff brick, black weatherboarding, slate roofing and white painted timber windows is welcomed. However, given the small size of the building, we suggest that too many different materials might now be specified – perhaps the cedar boarding might be replaced with brick or black weatherboarding.

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)

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