

# Cottenham Village Design Group

## Planning application comments

**S/0797/09/F**

### **22 Histon Road, Cottenham – Extensions**

This proposed extension is in general appropriately specified and is in proportion with the existing building. Although the use of suitable matching materials appears to be the intention, we would wish to see these materials more carefully specified. We also note that timber fenestration would be more sympathetic than uPVC.

*'B/4: Extensions should remain in scale with the original building and are usually most successful when matching materials are specified. Avoid dominant or bulky additions to existing buildings. Setting back walls or lowering the roofline of extensions can help to reduce apparent bulk. Alternative materials can sometimes work, for example when it is important to separate components of an extended building.'* (Cottenham Village Design Statement p.19)

*'B/2: Buildings should be maintained using original or sympathetic materials and details. The style and materials used for replacement doors and windows should match those of the original building; size and proportion of frames and the depth of reveals should be appropriate to the house type. Avoid altering the size of existing openings.'* (Design Statement p.18)

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