

Cottenham Village Design Group

Planning application comments

S/1200/09/F

41 Harlestones Road, Cottenham – Link extension & convert half of garage into extra living accommodation

We have no comment on this application.

S/1468/09/F

King George V Playing Fields, Lambs Lane, Cottenham – Siting of storage container

We have no comment on this application.

S/1493/09/F

Land to the North-east of 117 High Street, Cottenham – Conversion & extension of store to dwelling

This is a well considered, researched and presented application that successfully brings a redundant building back into use. The design is sensitive to the site and to the existing building, replacing a poor quality extension to form a cohesive whole utilising locally appropriate materials.

'B/5: Reuse barns and outbuildings through conversions where appropriate.' (Cottenham Village Design Statement p.19)

'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. Respect local characteristics and context of the particular site. Use good quality materials – whether modern or traditional – which are appropriate to Cottenham. Respond to typical settings and garden forms and avoid large areas of hard surfacing.' (Design Statement p.19)

'B/4: Extensions should remain in scale with the original building and are usually most successful when matching materials are specified.' (Design Statement p.19)

S/1515/09/F

Napoleon Farm, Twenty Pence Road, Cottenham – Extension

Although appropriate matching materials are specified, this proposed extension appears neither subservient to nor cohesive with the shape of the existing building.

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