

Cottenham Village Design Group

Planning application comments

S/0910/10/F

Land to the South-east of 13 Church Lane, Cottenham – New Dwelling on Plot 2

This proposal is much improved on the previous application for development of this site (S/0160/09/F). We support the simplified outline and façade, the reduction in footprint and the general improvement in clarity of this design over the earlier one.

We again recognise the care and thought that has gone into preparing this proposal and particularly support the chosen location for the buildings within the plot, the retention of boundary and other planting as well as the development of the 'mini-orchard'.

This is an important site on the edge of the village; we are pleased to support this sensitively prepared development proposal.

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'L/3: New developments on the village edge should give high priority to landscape design and management of light pollution, to protect and enhance the external view of the village. Shelter and contain the edge using appropriate native broadleaf species. Achieve well-designed compositions using hedge and woodland screens.' (Design Statement p.6)

S/0998/10/F

Land to the South-east of 88 Rampton Road, Cottenham – Dwelling

The design of this dwelling and the materials proposed are far from typical of Cottenham in general, however, they do echo the design of the buildings in the immediate vicinity and therefore we consider this proposal to be acceptable.

We support the proposed retention of the majority of the hedge and tree boundary to the road.

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