

Cottenham Village Design Group

Planning application comments

S/2219/10

83 Rampton Road, Cottenham – Single Storey Rear Extension and First Floor Rear Extension

This is an interesting proposal for a contemporary single storey extension; in this case, the alternative structure and materials successfully define a clear separate component to the building.

We have no comment on the first floor extension.

'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)

S/2241/10

20 High Street, Cottenham – Proposed Rear Roof Dormers and Front First Floor Extension

The changes to this building to support use of the first floor are generally appropriate in scale and form and matching materials are correctly specified. The proposed balcony is an unusual addition which may be a less successful component of the overall design.

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S/2312/10

Land to the south-west of 3 Cossington Close, Cottenham – Change of use of land to Residential

The proposed garden extension involves land outside of the village framework which is designated as part of the Cambridge Green Belt. The Design Group would wish to ensure that restrictions are maintained to preserve the openness and character of this land and to prevent the future erection of any building. We also support the retention of the existing hedgerow boundary.

'The village framework at the southern edge is defined by the Cambridge Green Belt which is important for maintaining the separation of Histon from Cottenham.' (Cottenham Village Design Statement p.4)

'L/3: Do not form a stark edge to the village, or spoil the outside view by neglecting the backs of gardens or buildings. Shelter and contain the edge using appropriate native broadleaf species. Achieve well-designed compositions using hedge and woodland screens.' (Design Statement p.6)

S/0005/11

35 Dunstal Field, Cottenham – Single Storey Rear Extension

We have no comment on this application.

Applications viewed and comments prepared on behalf of Cottenham Village Design Group by Steven Poole and Clare Le Brecht, 30th January 2011. All quoted text is taken from the Cottenham Village Design Statement, Supplementary Planning Document: <http://www.cvdg.org/design-statement-2007.pdf>. Comments are based solely on the principles and guidelines set out in this document.