

Cottenham Village Design Group

Planning application comments

S/0577/12/AD

Race Course Beach Road Cottenham - Proposed non-illuminated timber painted v-board

We have no comment on this application.

S/0424/12/CM

Malary House Brookfield Business Park Twentypence Road Cottenham - Erection of new oil tank (4.4m high), scrubber, bunding and cooling fans

S/0134/12/CM

Siting of 4 storage tanks, erection of 4m high fencing and extension of existing concrete apron

S/0260/12/CM

Retention of 4 storage tanks and new bunding (Part Retrospective)

The Design Group supports the retention of employment activities within the village, we have no further comments on these applications.

S/0457/12/FL

11 Goldfinch Drive Cottenham - Proposed loft conversion, insertion of 2 No. front dormer windows

We have no comment on this application.

S/0359/12/FL

15 Dunstal Field, Cottenham - Installation of 15 solar panels on rear pitched roof and flat roof

The Design Group is encouraging of solar panels and other energy saving devices so long as they can be installed without detrimental effect.

'B/9: Carefully considered local energy saving or generating solutions should be supported.

- Solar panels and other devices should be encouraged, so long as they can be installed without detrimental effect on the visual environment of the village.*
- Locations should be selected for solar panels or similar equipment based on maximising energy savings and minimising disruption to the appearance or fabric of the building. (Design Statement p.19)*

S/0312/12/FL

40 Dunstal Field Cottenham - Two storey front and rear extensions, further single storey rear extension, new porch and entrance to front elevation, internal alterations and refurbishment. Also includes landscaping works and widening car parking hard standing to the front of the property

The footprint of these proposals are relatively extensive to the existing house but appear to have been handled in an appropriate fashion, the materials are also appropriate.

'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. (Design Statement p.18)

'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.

• Conservatory or garden room extensions should respect the existing building: materials and colours should be carefully selected.

• Alternative materials can sometimes work, for example when it is important to separate components of an extended building.' (Design Statement p.19)

Applications viewed and comments prepared on behalf of Cottenham Village Design Group by Alex Darby and Jennie Blood Smyth, April 02nd 2012. 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.