

Cottenham Village Design Group

Planning application comments

S/1435/12/FL

2 Willow Grange Cottages Ely Road Chittering Waterbeach - Two Storey Side and Rear Extension

This development is on the edge of Cottenham Parish and may be better considered in the context of neighbouring Chittering. We have no specific comment on this application.

S/1687/12/FL

10 Kingfisher Way Cottenham - Part single and part two storey extension to rear of house

We have no comment on this application.

S/1613/12/FL

White Hart Twentypence Road Cottenham - First floor rear extensions and handrail around balcony

This building has been unsympathetically altered and extended in the past. The introduction of more flat roofing is undesirable in this location as at first floor level these alterations will be clearly seen (the building sits in a prominent position on Twentypence Road).

'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.*

- *Use photographic evidence or other historical evidence, including the building fabric, to select appropriate materials (such as the type of thatch).*

- *Brickwork should be retained in its original state, characteristically unpainted. (Design Statement p.18/19)*

'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.'* (Design Statement p.19)

S/1507/12/FL

Coolidge Gardens Cottenham - Additional residents parking bays

We have no comment on this application.

S/1419/12/FL

197 High Street Cottenham - Change of use from offices (Use Class B1) to Use Class C2 (Residential Institution) to accommodate up to four children with complex health needs, together with the erection of fences to the rear and alterations to the ground floor rear door

The Design Group welcomes the conversion back to residential use of this former villa on the High Street. This will be at the expense of an employment premises, although unlet for some time, but it is expected that there will be some employment generated by the new function.

'E/1: It is important to retain and develop Cottenham's character as a working village offering a variety of employment.' (Design Statement p.3)

Applications viewed and comments prepared on behalf of Cottenham Village Design Group by Alex Darby and Steven Poole, August 25th 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.