

Cottenham Village Design Group

Planning application comments

S/0741/13/FL

190 High Street Cottenham - Replacement garages

The Design Group has previously commented on an application for these garages in application S/0260/13/FL.

The garages of this property are within the conservation area but cannot be seen from the High Street. We welcome the proposal to rebuild these garages with a pitched roof; this is a more traditional design and should fit in the conservation area better than the existing flat one, the clay plain tiles proposed are appropriate, although are perhaps not typical for Cottenham. We note that matching brickwork is proposed and that it is proposed to recycle the existing garage doors.

The reduction in the pitch of the roof has required only a minor change in the specification of the roof tiles, which will still appear as a clay plain tile. We have no further comments.

'B/2: Buildings should be maintained using original or sympathetic materials and details.

- Brickwork should be retained in its original state, characteristically unpainted.*
- Pointing should not over-pack the mortar and should be carefully applied. The colour of the mortar should be carefully chosen to blend well with the brickwork. Buff brickwork works best when the mortar is close in tone, but just a little lighter than the brick itself.'* (Design Statement p.18/19)

Applications viewed and comments prepared on behalf of Cottenham Village Design Group by Alex Darby and Jennie Blood Smyth, June 10th 2013. 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.