

Cottenham Village Design Group

Planning application comments

S/0454/14/FL

23 Harlestones Road Cottenham - Single Storey Extension to Front and Garage Conversion

The proposals are for works to the front elevation of a semi-detached house, these sorts of works can have a negative impact on the houses themselves and the street scene in general.

As the works are relatively minor and the changes in many respects tidy up the elevations they are likely to have minimal impact.

'B/4: Extensions should remain in scale with the original building and are usually most successful when matching materials are specified.

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

S/0456/14/FL & S/0457/14/LB

29 High Street Cottenham - Erection of new outbuilding comprising car port, games room and study, following removal of existing storage barn

The design replicates the existing structure to a great degree. The use of materials and placement on the site (as the existing building) are all appropriate. The Design Group is supportive of these proposals.

Retention and incorporation of original fabric, to maintain some link with the original, would be welcomed.

'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).' (Design Statement p.18/19)

'B/5: Reuse barns and outbuildings through conversions where appropriate.

• Minimise changes to the existing building such that its existing character is maintained.

• Avoid piercing the façade and roofline: lighting can be achieved by the minimal use of roof lights and by glazing existing openings.' (Design Statement p.19)

S/0408/14/PH

9 Brenda Gautrey Way Cottenham - Single Story Rear Extension

We have no comment on this application.

Applications viewed and comments prepared on behalf of Cottenham Village Design Group by Alex Darby and Steven Poole March 24th 2014. 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.