



Cambridgeshire Guided Busway

Followed by the Cottenham
Village Design Group AGM 2008



Cambridgeshire Guided Busway

- ◆ Construction and Operation of the Cambridgeshire Guided Busway
 - Bob Menzies, Head of Delivery, Cambridgeshire County Council

- ◆ Opportunities for Enhancing Diversity along the CGB
 - Oliver Barnet, Ecological Clerk of Works, Arup



Annual General Meeting 2008

Cottenham Village Design Group



AGM Agenda 2008

- ◆ Approve minutes of last year's AGM
- ◆ Review of the year's activities
- ◆ Planning summary
- ◆ Treasurer's report
- ◆ Q & A
- ◆ Election of committee and officers
- ◆ Any other business





Approve minutes of last year's AGM

22nd February 2007





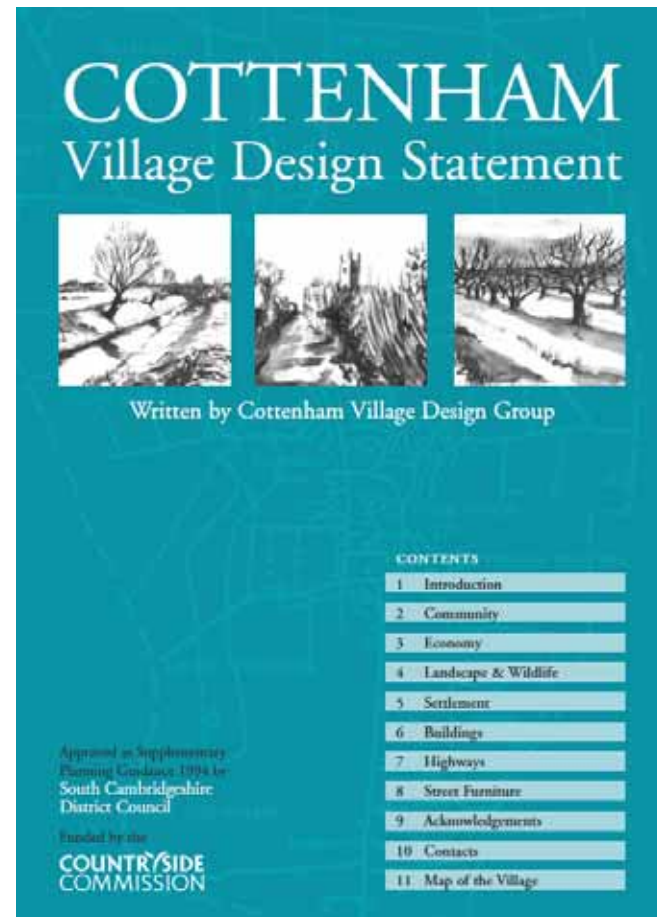
Review of the year's activities

Alexander Thoukydides Chair



Updating the Design Statement

- ◆ Most of last year was spent updating the Design Statement
- ◆ A herculean task for the committee
 - 36 meetings, many over four hours long!
 - 1000s of emails between members of the committee



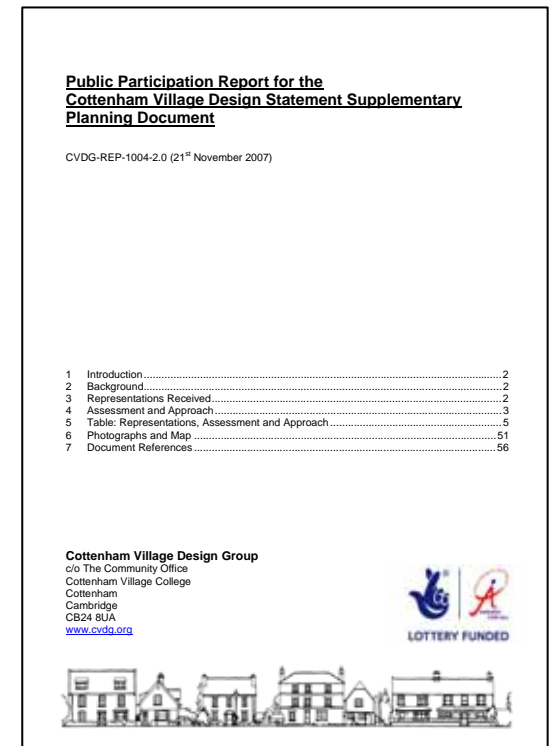
Updating the Design Statement

- ◆ Involved the wider community
 - Stand at the Fen Edge Family Festival
 - Two public meetings
 - Newsletter articles
 - Major overhaul of the group's website
 - Six week formal public consultation



Updating the Design Statement




- ◆ Comments were received from twelve individuals and organisations during the public consultation
- ◆ All carefully considered
 - Many changes made to the draft Design Statement
 - Fully documented in the Public Participation Report



56 pages



Updating the Design Statement

- ◆ The legislation also required a sustainability appraisal
 - Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004)
 - European Directive 2001/42/EC
- ◆ Additional reports prepared
 - Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report
 - Sustainability Appraisal Report

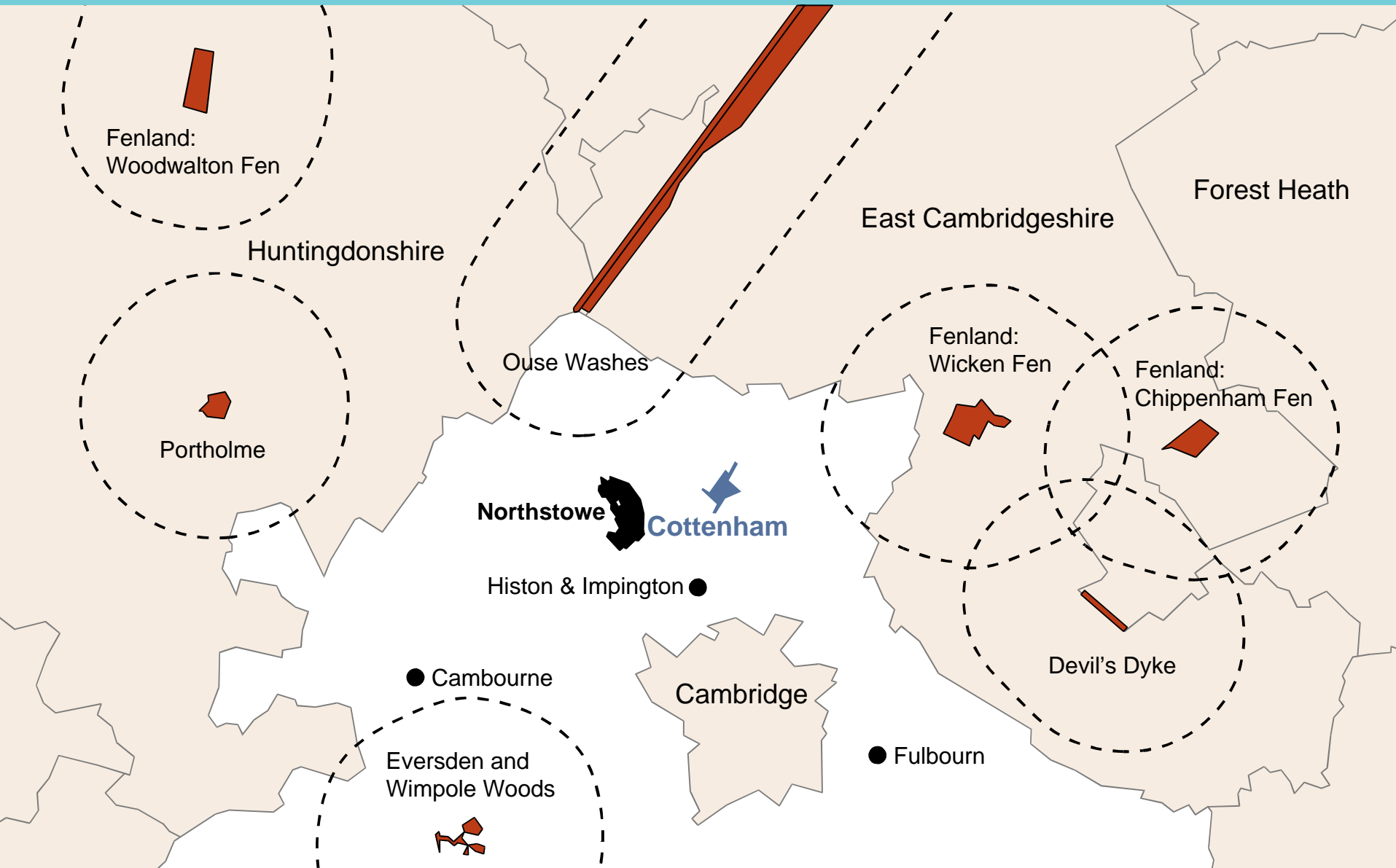
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CVDG-REP-1001-1.0 (2 nd May 2007) Steven Poole (steven.poole@rtaeapd.com) Alexander Thoulkides (alex@thoulkides.co.uk)	
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Cottenham Village Design Statement SPD	
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Final Sustainability Appraisal Report for the Cottenham Village Design Statement Supplementary Planning Document	
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Updating the Design Statement

- ◆ European Directive 92/43/EEC required another report
 - Habitats Directive Assessment
- ◆ This was heavily based on the report that had been prepared for the Northstowe AAP
 - That concluded that Northstowe would not have significant effect on Natura 2000 or Ramsar sites...

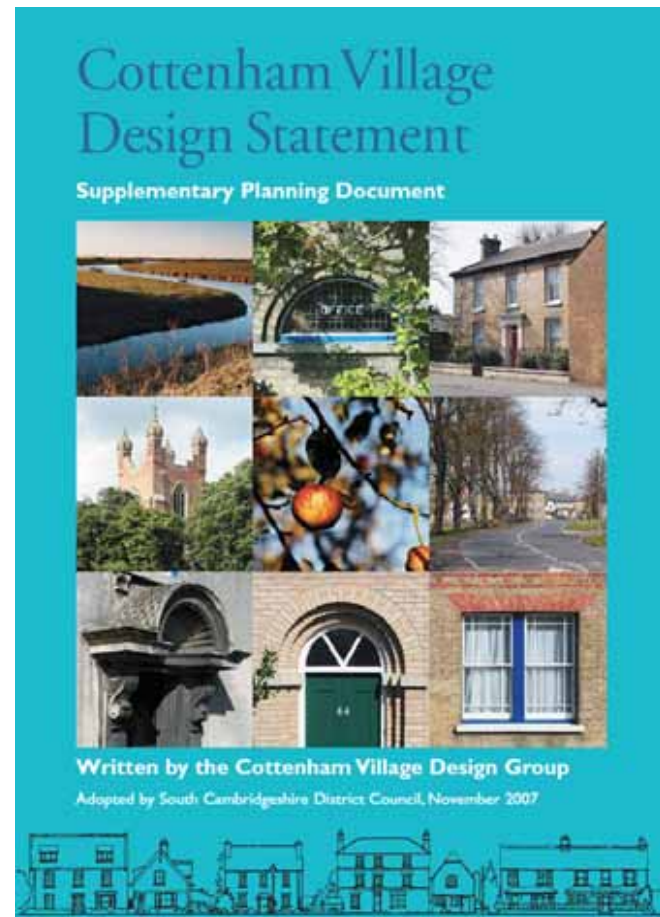
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Updating the Design Statement

- ◆ The revised Design Statement adopted as an SPD by SCDC on 14th November 2007
- ◆ Copies have been delivered to all households and businesses in Cottenham parish



Not just the Design Statement

- ◆ The committee were influential in the preparation of the Parish Council's proposals for tackling traffic in the village
- ◆ The group also responded to consultations on other locally important documents
 - East of England Gypsy and Traveller Consultation
 - Design Guide for Streets and Public Realm
 - Site Specific Policies DPD Objection Sites 2

Disclaimer for advice

◆ Prepared to accompany unofficial comments

Disclaimer

You have requested an opinion relating to a planning matter, from a committee member of Cottenham Village Design Group. The Committee wishes that the following items should be borne in mind in relation to any advice given.

The advice given will be based solely on the guidelines contained in the Cottenham Village Design Statement and their application to the proposals. Other planning issues, which are outside the scope of the Statement, will not be considered here. Important planning issues, which may have a bearing on the outcome of a planning application, will not therefore have been taken into account.

Advice by a committee member is given on the understanding that it does not constrain the Group in any way.

All planning applications are reviewed solely on the merits of the proposals contained in the formal applications submitted to South Cambridgeshire District Council, by planning officers, who make the decisions on all planning applications relating to Cottenham. It is recommended that further advice be sought from these officers: Tel: 08450 450 500.

Cottenham Parish Council is a statutory consultee on planning applications, and contact can be made with the Council through the Parish Clerk.

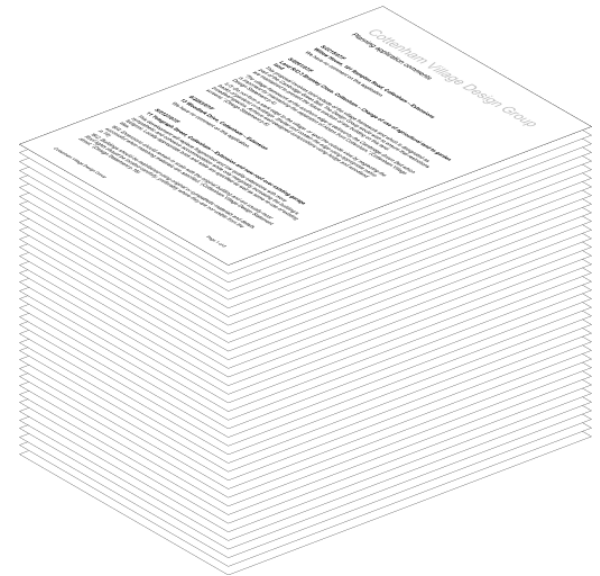
Mereham inquiry

- ◆ Steven Poole represented the group at the Mereham inquiry on 17th October 2007
- ◆ Based on the group's written submission from 18th June 2006
 - Increased road traffic
 - Increased flood risk
 - Destruction of landscape/views
- ◆ Secretary of State will issue decision by 9th September 2008



Other activities

- ◆ Attended the Fen Edge Community Association AGM
 - Display stand and talk
- ◆ Continued commenting on planning application
 - Now based on the revised Design Statement SPD...





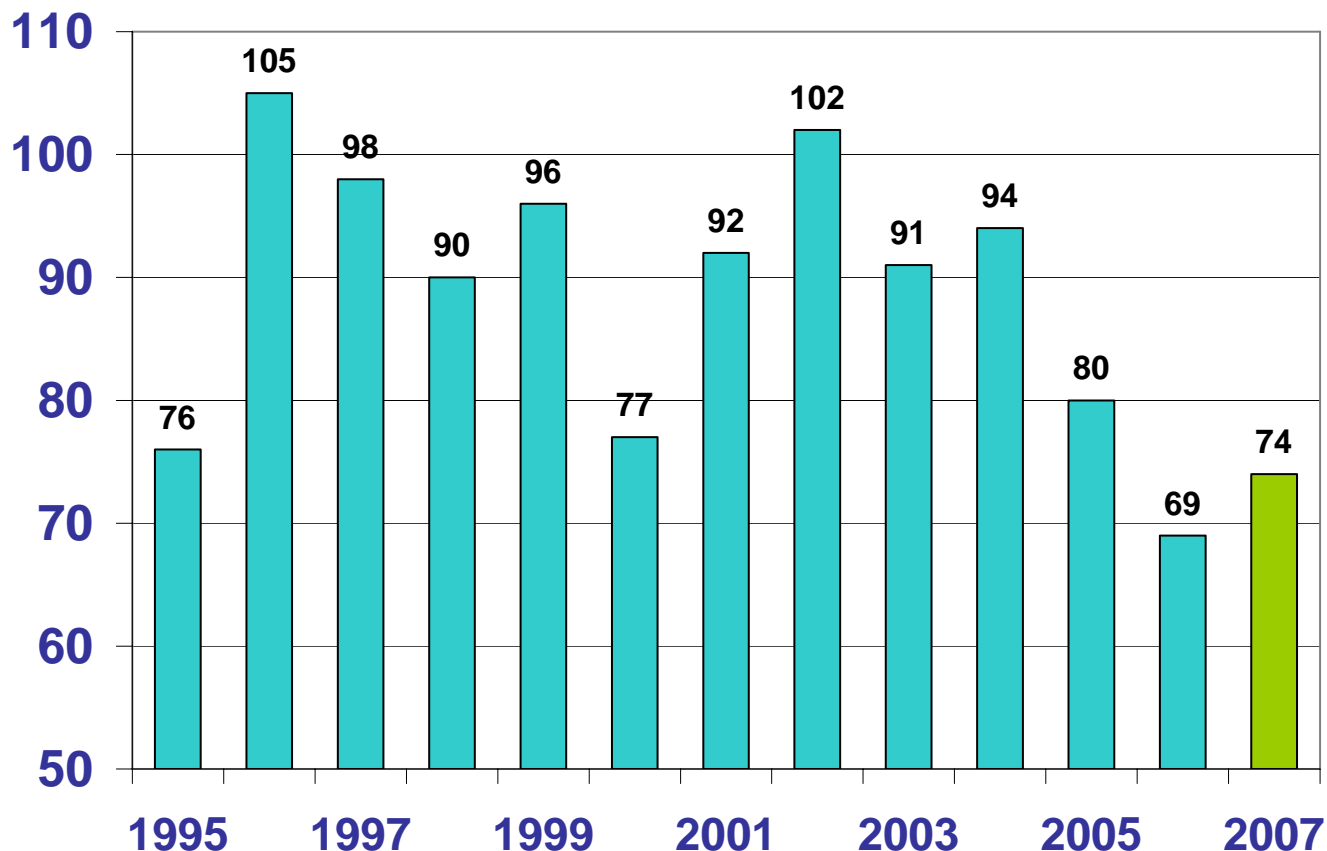
Planning Summary

Steven Poole

Planning Comments Coordinator

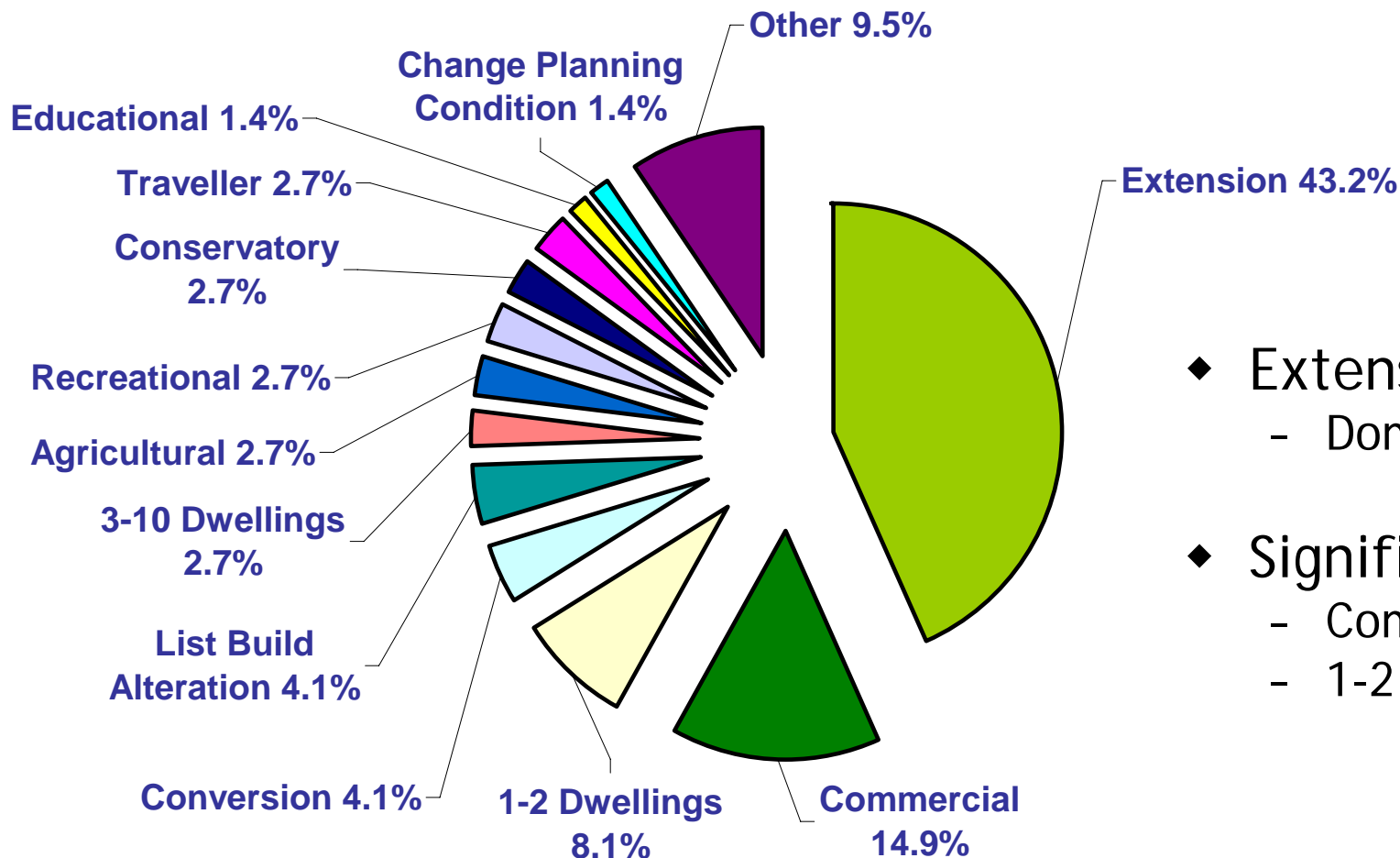


Applications in Cottenham Parish



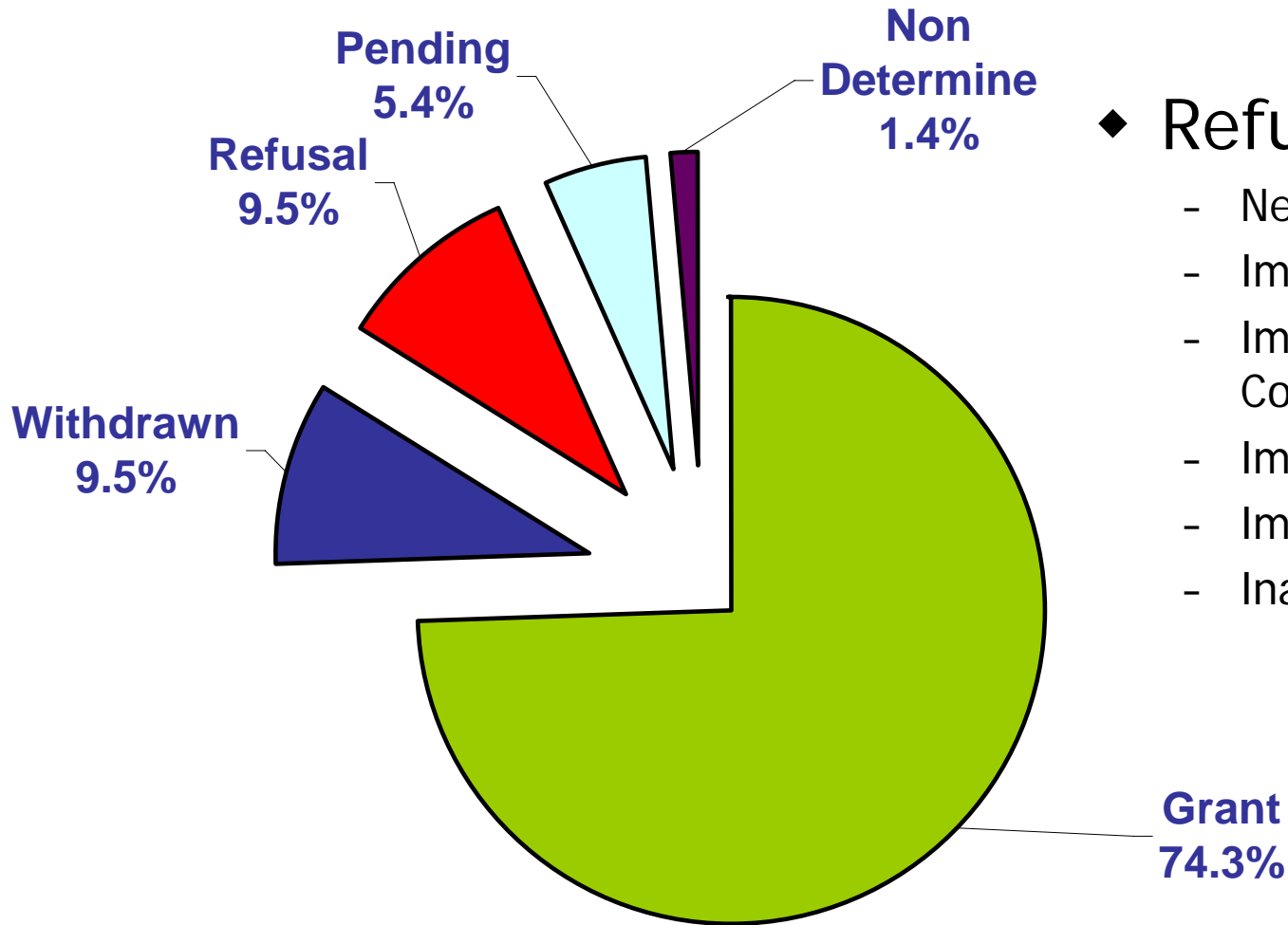
◆ Total applications: 74 (2006: 69) + 7%

Applications by Type



- ◆ Extensions:
 - Dominate again
- ◆ Significant:
 - Commercial
 - 1-2 Dwellings

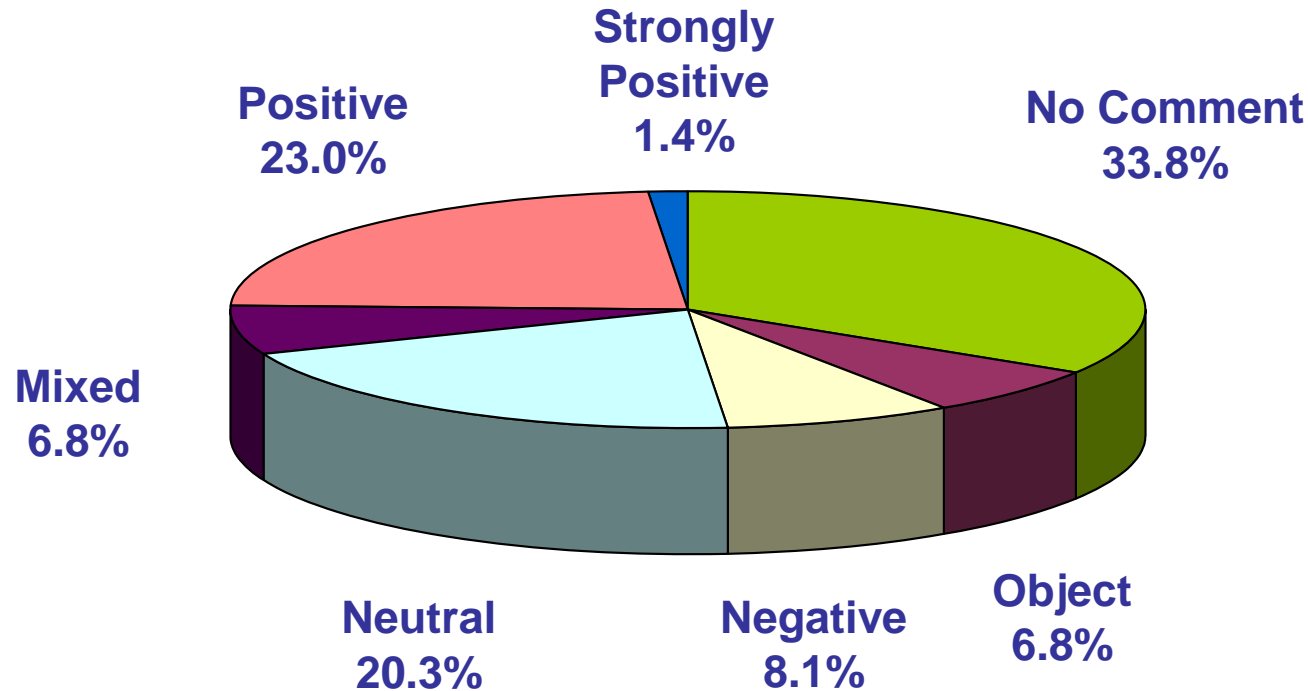
Applications by SCDC Decision



◆ Refusals for:

- Neighbour amenity (2)
- Impact on street scene
- Impact on Conservation Area
- Impact on surroundings
- Impact on countryside
- Inadequate access

Applications by CVDG Comment



- ◆ Total applications viewed = 74
- ◆ Total comments prepared = 49
- ◆ Definite positive bias: 24% positive v 15% negative

Comparison: CVDG v SCDC View

**STRONG
POSITIVE**



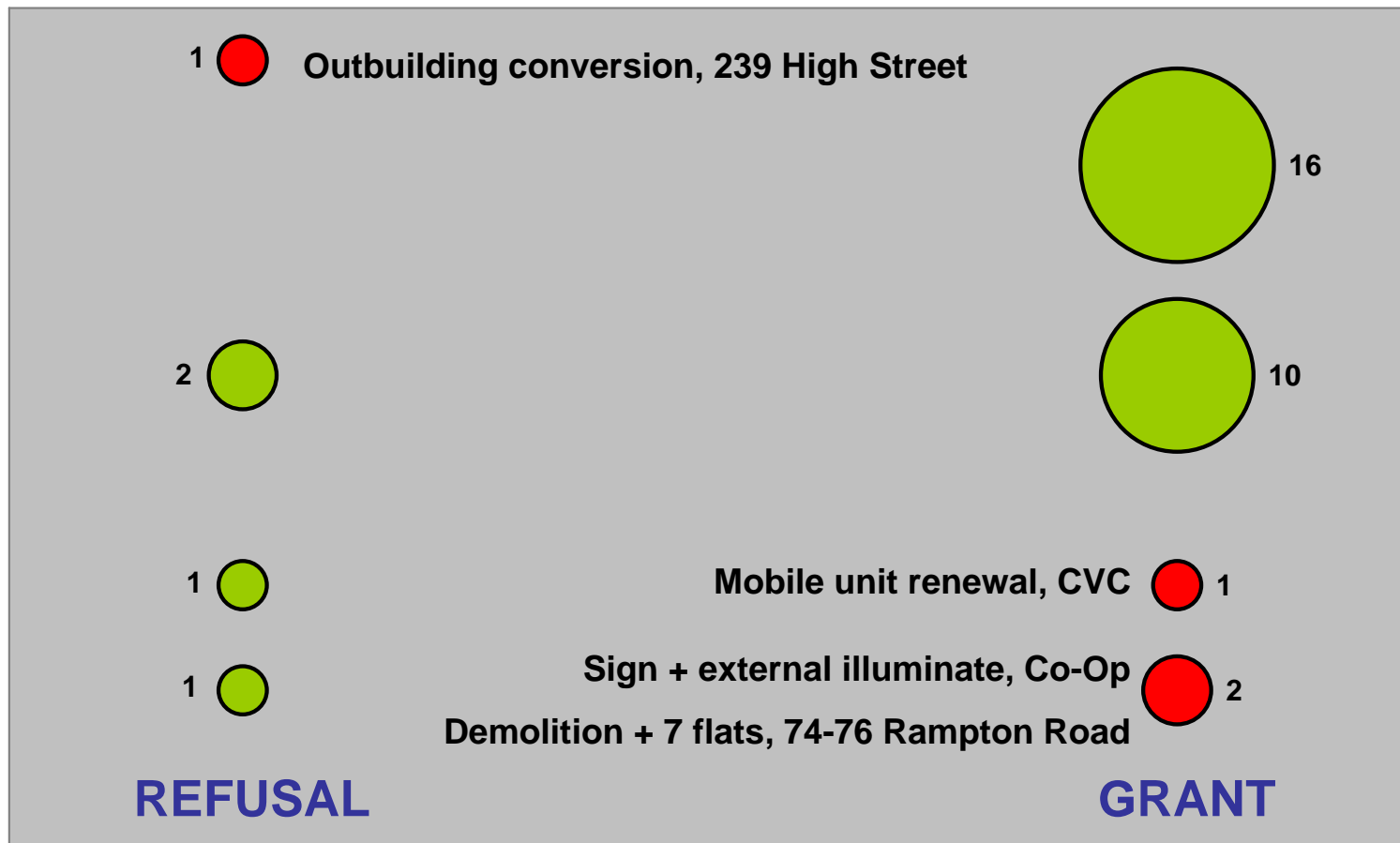
CVDG Comment

OBJECT

REFUSAL

GRANT

SCDC Decision





Accounts for the year 1st February 2007 – 31st January 2008

Bill Miller
Treasurer



Restricted fund – A4A Grant



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	2006 - 2007	2007 - 2008
Restricted fund opening balance	£ -	£ 6,282.00
Restricted fund income	£ 6,282.00	£ -
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Draft design statement		-£ 1,341.00
Other consultation documents		-£ 48.00
Final design statement		-£ 2,221.02
Leaflets		-£ 193.85
Venue hire		-£ 74.66
Display stands		-£ 493.50
Prints for stands		-£ 78.07
Design and layout		-£ 600.00
OS licence		-£ 55.80
Public consultation		-£ 625.10
[1] £551 cheque to A4A not yet cashed		-£ 5,731.00
Restricted fund balance 31st January	£ 6,282.00	£ 551.00

Standard fund

	2006 - 2007	2007 - 2008
Opening bank balance current	£ 118.96	£ 120.11
Opening cash balance	£ 30.91	£ 34.98
<u>Income</u>	£ 149.87	£ 155.09
Parish Council Grant	£ -	£ 698.00
Interest	£ -	£ 223.71
Membership fees	£ 120.00	£ 116.00
Contribution to refreshments	£ 38.50	£ -
Statement sales	£ 4.00	£ -
<u>Expenditure</u>	£ 162.50	£ 1,037.71
Part final design statement cost	£ -	-£ 516.98
Part leaflets	£ -	-£ 45.15
Membership FECA	-£ 10.00	-£ 20.00
Room Hire	-£ 71.85	-£ 42.57
Refreshments	-£ 42.72	-£ 21.71
Competition Prize	-£ 20.78	£ -
Postage	-£ 11.93	£ -
	-£ 157.28	-£ 646.41
<i>Standard balance 31st January</i>	£ 155.09	£ 546.39

All accounts

	2006 - 2007	2007 - 2008
Restricted fund balance	£ 6,282.00	£ 551.00
Standard balance	£ 155.09	£ 546.39
TOTAL BALANCE	£ 6,437.09	£ 1,097.39
Represented by		
Closing bank balance deposit	£ 6,282.00	£ 355.71
Closing bank balance current ^[1]	£ 120.11	£ 706.51
Closing cash balance	£ 34.98	£ 35.17
	£ 6,437.09	£ 1,097.39

Note ^[1] A4A cheque for £551 not cashed



Q & A





Election of committee and officers



Election of committee and officers

- ◆ Composition of committee:
 - Five nominee places
 - Up to ten elected members
 - Up to three co-opted to fill vacancies
- ◆ All committee positions, including officers, are elected every two years
- ◆ Officer positions are held for a maximum of four consecutive years

Nominees

Nominating organisation	Committee member
Fen Edge Community Association	Mike Smith
Cottenham Village Society	<i>(vacant)</i>
Cottenham Parish Council	Cllr Alan Leeks
South Cambridgeshire District Council	<i>(vacant)</i>
Cambridgeshire County Council	Cllr Matthew Bradney

- ◆ Cottenham Village Society elected Mac Dowdy as their nominee at the AGM on 14th September 2007 but he resigned on 4th January 2008
- ◆ SCDC choose not to nominate a representative

Election of committee

2007-2008		Elected	
1	Cllr Nigel Bolitho	Elected 2007	
2	Alex Darby	Elected 2006	Standing for re-election
3	Ann Doubleday	Elected 2006	Resigned 17 th July 2007
4	Katherine Heydon	Elected 2007	
5	Robin Heydon	Elected 2006	Standing for re-election
6	Bill Miller	Elected 2007	
7	Steven Poole	Elected 2007	
8	Alexander Thoukydides	Elected 2007	
9	John Williams	Elected 2006	Standing for re-election
10	Cllr Tim Wotherspoon	Elected 2007	

Election of committee

2008-2009		Elected
1	Cllr Nigel Bolitho	Elected 2007
2		<i>Alex Darby is standing for re-election</i>
3		<i>(vacant)</i>
4	Katherine Heydon	Elected 2007
5		<i>Robin Heydon is standing for re-election</i>
6	Bill Miller	Elected 2007
7	Steven Poole	Elected 2007
8	Alexander Thoukydides	Elected 2007
9		<i>John Williams is standing for re-election</i>
10	Cllr Tim Wotherspoon	Elected 2007

Election of officers

Officer position	2007-2008	Elected
Chair	Alexander Thoukydides	Elected 2006 Standing for re-election
Secretary	Katherine Heydon	Elected 2005, 2007
Treasurer	Bill Miller	Elected 2007
Membership secretary	Cllr Alan Leeks	Elected 2007
Planning comments coordinator	Steven Poole	Elected 2007
Information officer	Alexander Thoukydides	Elected 2004, 2005, 2007 Maximum term served

Election of officers

Officer position	2008-2009	Elected
Chair		<i>Alexander Thoukydides is standing for re-election</i>
Secretary	Katherine Heydon	Elected 2005, 2007
Treasurer	Bill Miller	Elected 2007
Membership secretary	Cllr Alan Leeks	Elected 2007
Planning comments coordinator	Steven Poole	Elected 2007
Information officer		<i>Katherine Heydon is standing for election</i>



Any other business





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