

Cottenham Village Design Group

Planning application comments

S/1887/04/F

37A Victory Way, Cottenham – Extensions

We have no comment on this application.

S/1960/04/F

103 High Street, Cottenham – Conversion of Double Garage into Piano Room/Storage

We have no comment on this application.

S/2001/04/LB

Cottenham Baptist Church, High Street, Cottenham – Internal Alterations - Removal of Central Pews, Raising of Aisle Floors & Redecoration

The Design Group believes that these alterations will cause irreparable damage to valuable historic fabric. We recommend that any scheme involving removal of pews should be implemented in a wholly reversible manner.

S/2013/04/F

55 Telegraph Street, Cottenham – Extension

We have no comment on this application.

S/2037/04/F

17 Pine View, Smithy Fen, Cottenham – Siting of Travellers Mobile Home & Caravan

The Design Group is seriously concerned by the continuing applications of this type in Smithy Fen. Despite some development, this area, which is outside the village framework, is still of essentially rural character with locally distinctive open views of fen edge landscape. We consider that the cumulative effect of additions to the planning consents already granted would seriously threaten the character of this landscape.

We also note that developments in this area do not conform to the essentially nuclear settlement pattern established within the parish and are likely to integrate poorly with the village and its facilities. In addition, we do not believe that caravans and mobile homes fulfil the high architectural standards and respect for locally distinctive building forms and materials that the Design Statement promotes.

We therefore object to this development.

'This is a landscape of wide views and open spaces' (Cottenham Village Design Statement p.10)

'Settlement patterns are a key to the distinctive nature of the village ... New developments need to be integrated with the village and form part of a linked overall pattern.' (Design Statement p.12)

'Buildings ... should acknowledge their Cottenham context ... Refer to local settlement patterns in layout. Respect local characteristics and context of the particular site. Refer to local building forms and proportion. Use good quality materials appropriate to Cottenham.' (Design Statement p.23)

S/2059/04/F

27 Harlestones Road, Cottenham – Extension

We have no comment on this application.

Applications viewed by Steven Poole and:

Alexander Thoukydides, 27th September 2004 (S/1887/04/F).

Nick Stevenson, 18th October 2004 (all others).