

# Cottenham Village Design Group

## Planning application comments

### **S/1391/08/F**

#### **239 High Street, Cottenham – Conversion of outbuilding to annexe (revised design)**

This is a high quality application for conversion and restoration of these redundant outbuildings. Fabric is reinstated where appropriate and materials, including reclaimed gault bricks, are correctly specified. We particularly support the proposal to retain the frontage in its current form as far as possible and to re-use windows on the High Street as advertisement space for local use.

*'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.'* (Cottenham Village Design Statement p.19)

### **S/1427/08/LB**

#### **226 High Street, Cottenham – Alterations – reinstate 3 horizontal sliding sash windows on front elevation. Enlarge kitchen by incorporating porch and form new opening into adjoining single storey storage range for new utility & W.C with new windows and replacement roof of buff clay pantiles**

We support the proposal to reinstate wooden horizontal sash windows and to retile using reclaimed buff clay pantiles; these materials are well specified.

*'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.'* (Cottenham Village Design Statement p.18)

### **S/1454/08/RM**

#### **58 Lambs Lane, Cottenham – Approval of Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for the Erection of a Bungalow and Two Garages**

This design is well chosen for the site and reflects the existing house; its simplicity and steeply pitched roof are both appropriate features. The quality of the finished result will be determined by the materials selected, we therefore recommend that these are considered very carefully and with reference to the existing house.

*'B/6: New developments should acknowledge their Cottenham context and avoid pattern-book designs. Respect local characteristics and context of the particular site. Use good quality materials – whether modern or traditional – which are appropriate to Cottenham.'* (Cottenham Village Design Statement p.19)

Applications viewed and comments prepared on behalf of Cottenham Village Design Group by Steven Poole and John Williams, 31st August 2008. 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.