

Online Comment

Application H03-0915-20
Location Railway Cottage Counter Drain Drove Tongue End PE11 3JH
Proposal Replacement Dwelling

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For/Against Comments

The existing cottage on this site is one of the last surviving elements of Counter Drain Railway Station. It was constructed by the London & North Eastern Railway (LNER) during the interwar period to replace an earlier signal box near the same site. It would have served as the crossing keeper's cottage, for the level crossing that formerly stood directly outside on the approach to the station further the east.

The cottage is an attractive building of local architectural and historic interest and can be considered a non-designated heritage asset in the terminology of the NPPF. It complements the surviving historic railway bridge to the west, and contributes to the industrial heritage of the district.

It is recommended that the local planning authority and developer consider all options for retaining and extending the crossing keeper's cottage rather than its demolition and replacement.