



*The Commission's advice on the proposed redevelopment of Craven Cottage, home of Fulham Football Club, led to what it considers to be a significantly improved scheme. The original proposals by Snell Associates retained the listed Stevenage Road stand, in recognition of the historic and sentimental value of its red-brick façade, raising the roof structure in order to accommodate more seating. The Commission sympathised with the intention to retain something of the old stadium, but believed that retention of the roof structure made it impossible to achieve a rational, unified design. As the top section shows, retaining the stand led to an abrupt and awkward relationship with the new work and meant that the height of the rest of the stadium had to be increased significantly to achieve the required capacity. In the light of the Commission's comments, the architects revised their scheme in June 1999 so that only the façade of the Stevenage Road stand would be retained, to act as a screen to an arcade and galleries located on the underside of the replacement stand. The result, as the photomontage and lower section show, was an elegantly unified design which related well to the surrounding streetscape and was a good deal lower than the original proposal.*