

Brookside Stud has been in business for 30 years, it is a stud dealing with the breeding of Thoroughbred Racehorse. Our business deals with all aspects of the Racehorse, from conception through to entering into Racing. The stud has an all year round cycle starting with the In-Foal mares arriving from abroad (France, Germany, Sweden, Italy and Ireland etc.) around Mid December prior to foaling in early January. The value of some of these mares and foals can run into millions of pounds. The foaling season can last until end of May, during these months we are extremely busy taking mares with their foals to the many stallions based in and around Newmarket. Time slots for these are made the day before and can be any time from 6am to Midnight and all hours in between. The only exit we have from the stud is along Elms Rd (the other direction is a single track road with a bridge and a 3 ton weight limit with a hump!) The construction and traffic flow would have a huge impact on our daily routine of getting mares to stallions on time. Sunnica have made plans to put a walkway along half a mile of my boundary without any consultation as to what effect this would have on me and my business. My mares and foals are grazing along this boundary on a daily basis. Horses are a flight animal any kind of unexpected noise or behaviour could set them off and cause a disaster to some extremely valuable mares and foals. Also, what will happen when construction of the Solar Panels take place? It will prohibit me from using practically half of my paddocks! Not a word from Sunnica on how this would impact on me and my business. The siting of the BES is also a big concern not only to the effect it will have on my business but also the safety and mental health on me and my family. This is a Huge step in the dark with something this size. We are all aware of the fire risk and explosions that have taken place around the Globe and Sunnica have yet to respond to my emails outlining my concerns about this. How am I expected to 'evacuate' my family and 40 horses in such an event? Do they have Public Liability, what would it cost, what does it cover, who is responsible for it? All unanswered questions. If you look in The Doomsday Book, Freckenham, Worlington, Isleham and Badlingham are all listed as 'Settlements', people settled there as there was water, land to graze their cattle and to grow crops on, and here we are almost 1,000 years later and the same still applies! Hardly any of the land in question is barren or waste land, we need sustainable agricultural land. Solar Panels, their components, manufacture, construction and disposal are not 'Green'.