

While on one of the site visits, it was suggested by M.G. that I mention in my written representation a request to the examiners to visit the Jockey Club Rooms in the High Street Newmarket, it would give them another insight into the long history of racing and the importance of bloodstock to this area and its importance internationally.

Further to my personal submission I would like to reiterate the importance of this area to the racing and can attest to participating first hand on Newmarket and its gallops and surrounding area as our (the Industrys ) unique advantage in the racing world. I have 'served time' in racing for 18 years as a trainers wife, ten years on the racecourse board, Jockey club Estates board and the JC Rooms chair. Elsewhere in the world there may be greater prize money and other lures but the recorded history and heritage of Newmarket is what pulls owners back to 'headquarters' time and time again. it cannot be stressed more strongly that it is the area as a complete piece stretching some miles from Newmarket that make up its value.

On a local level having lived for nearly twenty years at the end of the bury road, the towns and village people take as a given the gallops and their access to Jockey Club Estates land, after work finishes officially 1.00pm it becomes a 'peoples park'. Dog walkers, picnickers, runners all have free range to wander up to the villages and make use of this area and do so in great numbers. I have done myself for over 35 years and have been meeting many of the same people from the town or surrounding villages. Freckenham the village I now live in, apart from the farming community is home to two of Newmarkets main horse practice vets, the driver of discover Newmarket bus, and racing yard employees, these communities share so many occupations, recreations and dreams, this oppressive application would take that away from us.