

I speak on behalf of the Newmarket Town Council.

1. Newmarket is unique in UK if not in the world - a living town dominated by the horse racing industry. It depends on it being the best in the world. The High Street, its businesses, its survival.
2. The town and countryside around it are as one - they interact - the rural and equine areas, the area to the north and north east and its villages, where many of those in the horse racing industry live, the farmland and the gallops. They will be hugely and severely affected by Sunnica.
3. Especially the villages and gallops, the most prized and valued of the gallops is the historical Limekilns. The jewel in the crown of Newmarket. Many have spoken about this. The Town Council agrees.
3. The population of Newmarket, its working population and residents, are every one of them I have met, against the Sunnica scheme. This has never been the case before in my experience, even with the Hatchfield Farm development.
4. They are not Nimbys, but it is the impact of the Sunnica scheme in totality, huge scale, all at once, and the degree of harm. The cumulative impact will be huge and harmful. Others have spoken about this. We agree.
5. Important parts of the scheme will not be able to be screened, such as the views from the Limekilns, or if screening is proposed, such as near to villages, the hedges will enclose PROWS and roads, cut off views, change the character of the landscape radically.
6. We are not against good solar. This is bad solar based upon land ownership, not on a planned scheme.
7. It will set a precedent. A bad one. Other solar schemes in the pipeline will point to it and refer to the "acceptable harm" if this is allowed. Poor them too. To tread all over communities and in effect to ignore them in the march to net zero.
8. We all support net zero. Yes, but how? This cannot possibly be what the government foresaw, nor the right way to get there. In short, it is not. Sunnica must be rejected.