



## Environment Matters – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2007

### Welcome to Aardvark's fortnightly environmental news briefing,

- **Global community must deploy low carbon technologies now to tackle climate change** The technologies that can help combat climate change already exist, the latest international report on climate change has concluded today. ([Defra 04/05/07](#))
- **IPCC reiterate global warming urgency** Global warming tackling technologies already exist, but without cooperative international agreement on their widespread deployment climate change will increase massively over the next two decades, says the latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). ([Green Consumer Guide 08/05/07](#))
- **Government cuts home green scheme funding** The government drew sharp criticism from the country's fledgling renewables industry today as it relaunched a controversial grant system but slashed the funds available for some technologies. ([Guardian Unlimited 09/05/07](#))
- **Biofuel production may raise price of food** The emerging biofuels industry risks raising the price of food, the United Nations has warned. UN-Energy released its guidelines on the rapidly growing bioenergy industry, entitled Sustainable Energy: A Framework for Decision Makers, on 8 May. ([New Scientist 09/05/07](#))
- **Deadly Dangers of a G-Wiz "Green" car in a 40mph crash** Experts at the Transport Research Laboratory carried out 40mph tests on the G-Wiz and said in real life crashes it would leave occupants with "life-threatening injuries". ([thisislondon.co.uk 09/05/07](#))
- **The Construction Centre.co.uk expresses concern over UK sustainability targets.** The Construction Centre today joined many building industry commentators in suggesting that the Governments targets for zero carbon new homes by 2016 could be unrealistic. ([PRLeap.com 10/05/07](#))
- **Green light for London's Low Emission Zone** Polluting lorries are to be targeted by Ken Livingstone's latest attempt to improve London's air quality. Following in the wake of the congestion charge, which aims to reduce traffic in the congested centre, City Hall now plans to introduce a Low Emission Zone covering the entire city. ([EDIE 10/05/07](#))

### Latest News from the Aardvark Team

- **Sustainable development issues and on-site energy generation** have moved to the top of the list for many local planning authorities when considering planning applications. Aardvark is advising several residential and commercial developers across the UK on the sustainability credentials of their schemes to meet the new compliance criteria, which is focusing on energy efficiency and renewable energy generation as the key issues.
- For the latest Aardvark news logon to [www.aardvarkem.co.uk](http://www.aardvarkem.co.uk)

And finally,

- **Carton producers team up with Tesco for recycling scheme** Carton producers have teamed up with supermarket chain Tesco to launch new recycling facilities for shoppers to hand in their old cartons. ([letsrecycle.com 08/05/07](#))