



Environment Matters – 22nd June 2007

Welcome to Aardvark's fortnightly environmental news briefing,

- **1.2 Megawatts: World's Largest Tidal Turbine to be Installed** A company called Marine Current Turbines will be installing a 1.2 megawatt tidal turbine off the coast of Northern Ireland in August. The SeaGen turbine will be the world's largest ever tidal current device by a significant margin. (treehugger.com 13/06/07)
- **WRAP announces first trailblazer quarry site** Scotland will be the base for the launch of the Waste & Resources Action Programme's (WRAP) first trailblazer quarry site, in order to use high quality compost to restore brownfield land. (MRW 11/06/07)
- **East Midlands leading the way to sustainable development** The East Midlands is the first English region in which all local councils have signed a voluntary pledge to tackle climate change – a year ahead of schedule. (Defra 14/06/07)
- **ESRC: Recycling is not enough - we need to consume less** Recycling rates have risen, and the UK is on schedule to meet EU targets, but the key to dealing with our escalating waste problem lies in changing our buying habits and our attitudes to consumption, according to the authors of a new Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) publication. (politics.co.uk 15/06/07)
- **Outdoor heaters for smokers will increase UK emissions, British Gas warns** Research carried out by British Gas has shown that gas-fired patio heaters for the benefit of smokers in Scotland now emit up to 10,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide a year, with the average heater emitting more of the greenhouse gas in a year than a Range Rover. (Energy Business Review online 13/06/07)
- **UK Farmers' leader calls for a realistic look at biofuels** Peter Kendall, President of the UK's National Farmers' Union yesterday (13th June) called for the UK to engage in a realistic assessment of biofuels. (Checkbiotech 15/06/07)
- **Protocol to cut amount of soil going to landfill** Remade East is working with industry, the Environment Agency and WRAP to develop a waste protocol to cut red tape in the re-use of waste topsoil. (letsrecycle.com 19/06/07)

Latest News from the Aardvark Team

- On behalf of a residential developer, Aardvark has successfully discharged the contaminated land assessment condition attached to a detailed planning consent for a site near Wellington, Somerset. This is the team's second involvement with this site having undertaken a bat and bird survey of the original site buildings earlier in the year.
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And finally,

- **Herd of cow bins move into field** Rubbish bins painted to look like Friesian cows have appeared in a field next to the M5 in Somerset. The unusual herd is part of an initiative to encourage young people to recycle waste and to develop their own ideas for recycling campaigns. (BBC News 13/06/07)