



Environment Matters – 3rd August 2007

Welcome to Aardvark's fortnightly environmental news briefing,

- **Housing green paper** Stakeholders comment on the government's housing green paper. The green paper includes plans for the release of public sector land for housing, and for new carbon-neutral ecotowns. ([ePolitix.com 24/07/07](#))
- **Environment Agency advice for those affected by recent floods** Household, businesses and farmers have been warned to be as aware of the actions to take in dealing with the aftermath of flooding, as they should be in preparing for flooding. ([Environment Agency 30/07/07](#))
- **PM says infrastructure review needed after floods** Prime Minister Gordon Brown says the location of infrastructure will have to be reviewed after the summer floods in England. His comments came after the rising waters knocked out Gloucestershire's main water treatment works and threatened an electricity substation. ([EDIE 27/07/07](#))
- **Recycled glass water filters reduce carbon emissions, finds trial** Recycled glass water filters have helped reduce carbon emissions during a 20-week trial at a Yorkshire Water Treatment Works. ([RWM 31/07/07](#))
- **National Trust puts 3.5m members in front line against climate change** It controls 900-square miles of land and 710 miles of coastline and has far more members than the armed services, the teaching profession, the prison population, environmental groups and political parties combined. ([Guardian Unlimited 25/07/07](#))
- **Defra considers environmental impact of 0% agricultural set-aside** Defra is considering whether any mitigating environmental requirements might need to be introduced in the short term under cross compliance, if the European Commission's proposed 0% level of set-aside is agreed for 2008. ([Defra 01/08/07](#))

Latest News from the Aardvark Team

- Aardvark has been instructed by one of the world's leading humanitarian aid organisations to undertake a carbon audit of both their UK and overseas operations. This provides an opportunity for the organisation to contribute progressively to reduce their impacts on climate change but also provide useful data enabling resources to be used more efficiently with greater environmental and social purpose.
- For the latest Aardvark news log on to www.aardvarkem.co.uk

And finally,

- **Put a Cow in Your Tank. Force 10 from New Zealand** Yup, it's not only green beer and beds they know how to make in the land of the long white cloud, but biofuel too. Whereas it's the very powerful corn lobby in the US that is pushing for ethanol-based biofuels, NZ has its own dominant industry, outside of sheep, that is:- Dairy. ([treehugger.com 02/08/08](#))