



Environment Matters – 17th August 2007

Welcome to Aardvark's fortnightly environmental news briefing,

- **Energy Officials 'Warn On Renewables'** The UK has "achieved little" through its renewable energy policy and is unlikely to meet EU targets, according to a leaked ministerial briefing paper. (ePolitix.com 13/08/07)
- **Environment Agency Launch Consultation On Operating The Emissions Trading Register For Large Combustion Plants** Operators of Large Combustion Plants (LCPs) signed up to the new UK National Emissions Reduction Plan (NERP) may be required to justify the quality of their emissions data under a proposal being put forward for consultation this week. (Environment Agency 07/08/07)
- **2007 Survey Of Public Attitudes And Behaviours Toward The Environment** Headline results from the 2007 Survey of Public Attitudes and Behaviours toward the environment are released today. They give a representative picture of what people in England think, and how they behave, across a range of issues relevant to the environment, including transport and waste recycling. (Defra 14/08/07)
- **Builders Attack Green Homes Rule** Housebuilders are trying to persuade the government to ditch a key policy designed to cut carbon emissions through constructing green homes. Britain's renewables industry and many local authorities are concerned that intense lobbying may have persuaded the government to rethink. (Guardian Unlimited 14/08/07)
- **CIOB: The Future Has To Be 'Green' Says Construction.** 'The Green Perspective' report by the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) has revealed that over 94% of construction professionals believe that 'green' building is the future for the construction industry. (Politics.co.uk 15/08/07)
- **New Support For Homeowners To Get Green Grants** A new system to help homebuyers get green grants worth hundreds of pounds to lower their fuel bills and make their homes greener has been announced following the introduction of Home Information Packs and Energy Performance Certificates. (j4bgrants.co.uk 10/08/07)

Latest News from the Aardvark Team

- Aardvark has been instructed to undertake ecology and biodiversity assessments of 8 sites in West Somerset and 1 in Devon for a SW Housing Association. The assessments are part of the requirements of Level 3 under the new Code for Sustainable Homes. Accreditation to Level 3 will become mandatory for all new housing developments in the public sector by 2008 and the private sector by 2010.
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And finally,

- **Paper battery offers future power** Flexible paper batteries could meet the energy demands of the next generation of gadgets, says a team of researchers. (BBC News 14/08/07)