



Environment Matters – 14th September 2007

Welcome to Aardvark's fortnightly environmental news briefing,

- **Business put green issues at top of the list** Most UK businesses are more likely to invest in green issues than employment training, according to new research. Grant Thornton, business and financial advisers, conducted a survey of 200 medium and large businesses across the UK and found that 40% of them were most likely to invest in environmental responsibility areas this year. ([MRW 10/09/07](#))
- **Second biggest wind farm approved** The Scottish Government has approved plans for the second largest wind farm in Scotland, capable of generating power for 120,000 homes. The project will be created at Harestanes, near Moffat in Dumfries and Galloway, and comprises 71 turbines. ([BBC News 10/09/07](#))
- **UK National Trust and npower launch renewable energy offering** The UK National Trust and npower, the UK arm of German utility RWE, have launched a multi-million pound partnership at the heart of which is the National Trust Green Energy offering. The partnership also aims to encourage carbon-saving measures and to enable consumers to improve the green credentials of their homes. ([Energy Business Review 04/09/07](#))
- **Unions call for tougher carbon cuts** Union activists have warned the government's plans to reduce carbon emissions by 60 per cent before 2050 will not be adequate to stem global warming. Speaking at a TUC conference debate on the environment, Prospect general secretary Paul Noon said his union had "profound concerns" over the 60 per cent target. ([Politics.co.uk 11/09/07](#))
- **Homes not Hip to energy efficiency** Average homes are scoring an 'E' for the energy efficiency element of home information packs (Hips). According to a study released by the department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) on the Hip scheme's implementation in four-bedroom homes, properties are scoring poorly for energy efficiency. ([aboutproperty.co.uk 12/09/07](#))

Latest News from the Aardvark Team

- Aardvark has recently submitted hydrogeology reports and groundwater protection plans in support of two major planning applications in the south of the UK. The two sites in Hampshire and Devon presented separate challenges to the team, the first lying above an important aquifer serving a local population and the second requiring an off mains drainage strategy and lying close to a flood plain.
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And finally,

- **Libya Plans Massive Eco-Friendly Tourism Area** In Libya, among the archaeological treasures of Cyrene in the Green Mountain region, Saif al-Islam Khadafi gathered a select group of dignitaries and journalists for the signing of a unique declaration for sustainable development in the region. ([Luxist 12/09/07](#))