



Environment Matters – 7th December 2007

Welcome to Aardvark's fortnightly environmental news briefing,

- **NFU backs good practice guide on farm plastic waste to reduce landfill** The NFU is joining forces with other industry stakeholders to reduce the amount of non-packaging plastics that end up buried as landfill. (Politics.co.uk 05/12/07)
- **Trafalgar Square eco house attracts comment** The Mayor of London's temporary green showhome in Trafalgar square has attracted comments from the building industry as well as green groups. (New Builder 06/12/07)
- **Gulf Stream's Tidal Energy Could Provide Up to a Third of Florida's Power** As solar, wind and other renewable energy technologies increasingly become seen as viable alternatives to coal and fossil fuel-based ones, some scientists are already looking beyond recent breakthroughs in these areas to the vast, largely untapped potential offered by the world's oceans. (TreeHugger.com 05/12/07)
- **Benn: Planet cannot cope with UK consumption levels** The global necessities for improving the way that the UK handles waste management were spelt out yesterday by Hilary Benn, Secretary of State for the Environment. (letsrecycle.com 06/12/07)
- **Environment Agency: £1bn for flood defences** The vulnerability of crucial public services such as power and water plants as well as road and rail links were exposed by last summer's floods, a new report claims. (Daily Telegraph 06/12/07)
- **British Climate Impact Report Sets Scene For Future** Land and sea temperatures around Britain have risen sharply under the influence of climate change and more is on the way, a government report said on Friday. (Planet Ark 07/12/07)
- **Tories launch home generated power plan** The Conservatives have said they would introduce measures to encourage at least one million households and businesses to generate their own electricity. (ePolitix.com 06/12/07)

Latest News from the Aardvark Team

- Aardvark has won a three year operation and maintenance contract for Taunton's new flood defence dam at Norton Fitzwarren. The role requires Aardvark to undertake regular inspections and any subsequent management of the dam and water flow in the event of high levels of rain fall. In the event of the dam filling and overflowing, Aardvark will work with the Taunton Flood Plan team to mitigate any flood impact.
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And finally,

- **How recycled chip fat can help you to save the planet, starting in Kilmarnock** Stagecoach is using the recycled contents of chip pans to power eight buses in Kilmarnock in a biodiesel pilot that could be rolled out across the country. (Times Online 06/12/07)