



## Environment Matters – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2007

### Welcome to Aardvark's fortnightly environmental news briefing,

- **Benn stresses need for climate deal** As the United Nations climate change summit drew to a close in Bali, environment secretary Hilary Benn stressed the need to secure a deal. Ministers were discussing an agreement on reducing global emissions to replace the current Kyoto Protocol, which expires in 2012. ([ePolitix.com](http://ePolitix.com) 14/12/07)
- **Nuclear power, climate change and UK security** Business Secretary John Hutton says UK must have a mix of energy sources, including nuclear. Britain's gas and electricity supplies could be at the mercy of unstable governments or politically motivated investors unless the UK achieves energy independence, John Hutton, the Business and Enterprise Secretary, has warned. ([Telegraph](http://Telegraph) 18/12/07)
- **New policy puts climate change at the heart of planning** The government will today publish a new planning policy designed to boost the use of renewable energy and community heating schemes in new buildings as it gears up for the introduction of carbon-free homes from 2016. ([Guardian Unlimited](http://Guardian Unlimited) 18/12/07)
- **Businesses 'put off' green technology** Businesses want to install low-carbon technology but are being put off by limited product ranges and financing options and too few tax breaks, according to a new study. ([EDIE](http://EDIE) 13/12/07)

### 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,

- **The huge carbon cost of our Christmas dinner** The carbon footprint of the turkey and trimmings tucked into by UK families this Christmas will be the equivalent of 6,000 car trips around the world, according to scientists. ([Daily Mail](http://Daily Mail) 11/12/07)
- **Prancing Horse prepares to gallop** "Five years from now," exclaims Ferrari's managing director, Amedeo Felisa, "Ferraris will emit 30% less carbon dioxide than they do today." Key to this goal is Ferrari's wind tunnel, which curves proudly into the air at the edge of its Maranello site, here to enhance performance and improve efficiency. ([BBC News](http://BBC News) 16/12/07)

