



## Environment Matters – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2008

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

- **Britain Budgets for Future Low-carbon Economy** In its budget for 2008-2009, the British government has allocated hundreds of millions of pounds for clean energy technologies over the next three years. ([Environment News Service 10/03/08](#))
- **Eco-migration threat to UK of climate change** Climate change threatens Britain with "environmentally induced migration", a top level European Union report has warned. ([The Telegraph 10/03/08](#))
- **Benn welcomes Budget 2008** The Chancellor today set out the 2008 Budget which includes measures to tackle climate change, the most serious and pressing environmental challenge the world faces. ([DEFRA 12/03/08](#))
- **New regs aim to control construction waste** All construction projects in England costing more than £300,000 will soon need plans setting out how building materials and other waste products will be removed from the site. ([EDIE 11/03/08](#))
- **UK to introduce domestic carbon emissions trading** Energy-intensive businesses in Britain including supermarkets, banks and hotel chains will have to buy pollution permits from 2010 under a new government emissions trading scheme, Environment Secretary Hilary Benn said on Thursday. ([The Guardian 13/03/08](#))
- **Brown calls for green VAT change** Gordon Brown is calling on the European Union to lower VAT rates on the greenest household goods as part of a range of measures to tackle climate change. ([ePoltix.com 13/03/08](#))
- **Talks over BREEAM and LEED eco-rating systems** Early talks are taking place between UK-based Building Research Establishment (BRE) and the US Green Building Council (GBC) about how to ensure high building standards are introduced around the world. ([H&V News 13/03/08](#))

### Latest News from the Aardvark Team

- Aardvark have been instructed by BAA to provide site waste management services and support for the new T5 Terminal at Heathrow Airport which is due to start operating at the end of March 2008.
- For the latest Aardvark news and services logon to our new interactive website at [www.aardvarkem.co.uk](http://www.aardvarkem.co.uk).

### And finally,

- **UK dumps 12.5 million computers every year** Britons dump 12.5 million perfectly usable computers in landfills every year, according to new research. The report, commissioned by Fujitsu Siemens Computers (FSC), claims that one in four old machines in the UK are being dumped with the household rubbish or at tips, rather than being recycled. ([PC Pro 11/03/08](#))