



## Environment Matters – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2008

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

- **Initiative to reduce organic waste sent to landfill** Encouraging technology that reduces the amount of organic waste sent to landfill is the driving force behind a consultation launched today (Monday) by the Waste Protocols Project. ([Environment Agency 07/04/08](#))
- **Experts sign up for Eco-Towns Challenge** Twelve experts from the worlds of design, the environment, transport and sustainability have signed up to join the Eco-towns Challenge and play a key role in shaping the future of the biggest new towns programme in the UK for forty years. ([Building and Engineer online 09/04/08](#))
- **Eco-towns 'could damage existing communities'** A shortlist of sites for potential eco-towns unveiled by the Government came under fire tonight over fears that the town locations could damage existing communities. But the scheme for a series of low-carbon, environmentally friendly towns has won backing from some quarters for its potential to deliver affordable and "green" housing. ([24dash.com 04/04/08](#))
- **Badgers to be culled in Wales** The Welsh Assembly Government has announced plans for a "targeted cull" of badgers. The controversial move is designed to eradicate tuberculosis in cattle but will face criticism from conservationists. ([ePoltix.com 08/04/08](#))
- **PM writes to G8 urging action on food** Gordon Brown raised fresh concerns about the impact of biofuels yesterday, as he put rising food prices on the world agenda by writing to fellow G8 leaders to prepare an international package on food scarcity. ([Guardian.co.uk 10/04/08](#))
- **Woolas invites applications to £4m bio-energy grant fund** A £4 million fund to support the installation of biomass-fuelled heating and combined heat & power projects, including anaerobic digesters, was opened to applications today by Climate Change Minister, Phil Woolas. ([Defra 09/04/08](#))
- **Second flatpack homes site announced** Developers are set to submit proposals to build the UK's second development of environmentally-friendly flatpack homes. Live Smart @ Home announced that it has chosen Sunderland as the next location for the BoKlok (pronounced 'Boo Klook') homes. ([EDIE 08/04/08](#))

### Latest News from the Aardvark Team

- Aardvark has been instructed to undertake a contaminated land site investigation as part of the due diligence process for a refinancing deal. The site which comprises a disused village tip dating back to the 1950s borders an established and successful west country caravan park.
- For the latest Aardvark news and services logon to [www.aardvarkem.co.uk](http://www.aardvarkem.co.uk).

### And finally,

- **4.4 million apples a day get thrown away in the UK** A staggering 4.4 million whole apples are being thrown away untouched every day in the UK, according to the latest figures from Love Food Hate Waste, WRAP's (Waste & Resources Action Programme) campaign to tackle food being wasted in UK homes. ([Morethanwaste.com 07/04/08](#))