



## Environment Matters – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2008

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

- **Greener power to the people: the real energy alternative?** Ministers could avoid building nuclear reactors by encouraging families to fit solar panels and other renewable energy equipment to their homes. ([The Independent 01/06/08](#))
- **Landfills can go green** Landfill sites can be restored as green spaces, according to the recently published results of a ten-year study into the issue. A common method for 'closing' the landfill sites involves sealing with a clay cap, which previously raised fears that any overlaid trees could penetrate into stored waste. ([Green Consumer Guide 30/05/08](#))
- **Europe set for 50% recycling target** Recycling targets of 50% for household waste look set to become law across Europe -with significant implications for the UK. ([letsrecycle.com 04/06/08](#))
- **PDM plans to be UK's largest AD operator** Ambitious plans to become the UK's largest Anaerobic Digestion (AD) operator have been announced by Prosper De Mulder (PDM) group. ([RWM 23/05/08](#))
- **Zero carbon' target in spotlight** A major conference in southern Scotland is to study how UK Government plans to make all new homes "zero carbon" by 2016 can be achieved. The Future Homes event in Dumfries is based around three key themes of design, build and planning. ([BBC News 05/06/08](#))
- **Wind Farms: eleven UK sites marked for development** Eleven sites around the English, Scottish and Welsh coastline have been earmarked as suitable to house ranks of giant wind turbines. ([The Independent 04/06/08](#))
- **Farm pollution scheme grows** A scheme which aims to reduce agricultural pollution is set to expand its reach. The England Catchment Sensitive Farming Delivery Initiative aims to tackle pollution to rivers, lakes and streams from the run-off of farming waste and chemicals. ([EDIE 05/06/08](#))
- **SJ Berwin to challenge eco-town** Campaigners against a proposed eco-town near Stratford-upon-Avon have launched a legal bid to have the government's consultation process declared unlawful. ([Property Week 06/06/08](#))

### Latest News from the Aardvark Team

- The Aardvark team participated in World Environment Day 2008 by leaving their cars at home and finding alternative means of getting to the office – this year trains, buses, bicycles and walking were used although the weather unfortunately prevented two of the team riding in on their horses as planned!
- For the latest Aardvark news and services logon to [www.aardvarkem.co.uk](http://www.aardvarkem.co.uk).

### And finally,

- **World Environment Day 2008** World Environment Day, commemorated each year on 5 June, is one of the principal vehicles through which the United Nations stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and enhances political attention and action. ([UNEP 05/06/08](#))