

Welcome to Aardvark's environmental news briefing

- **Fears for environment as automatic legal 'cost cap' scrapped:** New rules have come into force which could dramatically reduce the ability of individuals and non-governmental organisations to bring legal challenges to protect the environment. (bbc.co.uk 28/02/2017)
- **Lords: Security of supply trumps decarbonisation:** The House of Lords Economic Affairs Committee has urged energy policymakers to focus on security of supply over decarbonisation. (theenergyst.com 24/02/2017)
- **Sponge can soak up and release spilled oil hundreds of times:** A new material can absorb up to 90 times its own weight in spilled oil and then be squeezed out like a sponge and reused, raising hopes for easier clean-up of oil spill sites. (newscientist.com 28/02/2017)
- **Schools with solar panels face £1.8m bill due to business rates rise:** Tax hike on solar-installed properties to affect 821 state schools in England and Wales, research suggests (theguardian.com 07/03/2017)
- **UK 'must insulate 25 million homes':** More than one home every minute will need to be refurbished in the UK between now and 2050, experts say. (bbc.co.uk 06/03/2017)
- **Farmdrop: This app could stop shoppers going to supermarkets for groceries:** Farmdrop connects consumers with producers, cutting out the supermarket – or middle man – and thereby threatening to drastically shake up the way that the UK food supply chain operates. (independent.co.uk 03/03/2017)
- **UK's CO2 emissions lowest since 19th century as coal use falls:** The UK's carbon dioxide emissions have fallen to their lowest level since the 19th century as coal use continues to plummet, analysis suggests. (newscientist.com 06/03/2017)

And finally...

- **Bread's environmental costs are counted:** The environmental impact of producing a loaf of bread has been analysed in depth from the farm to the shop shelf. (bbc.co.uk 27/02/2017)

Latest news from the Aardvark team

Aardvark has been commissioned to undertake a UK wide feasibility mapping exercise with the aim of identifying suitable sites for innovative and environmentally sustainable energy developments. This mapping exercise will enable our client to make informed decisions relating to possible future planning and environmental permitting risks, and identify geographical areas of least sensitivity and environmental constraints. If you would like assistance in strategic planning and determination of optimum locations for your energy development, please contact Aardvark. For all the Aardvark news go to www.aardvarkem.co.uk.

