

Welcome to Aardvark's environmental news briefing

- **UK killer whale died with extreme levels of toxic pollutants:** Adult whale Lulu was one of UK's last resident pod and had never produced a calf, probably because pollutants in her blubber had caused infertility. (theguardian.com 02/05/2017)
- **Plastic-munching caterpillars may show us how to dissolve waste:** Caterpillars could hold the key to our growing problem of plastic waste while doing some routine beehive maintenance, a team of researchers in Spain has chanced upon one type of caterpillar that seems to have a taste for the stuff. (newscientist.com 24/04/2017)
- **Nuclear industry warns UK must avoid 'cliff edge' over Brexit:** Leaving Euratom treaty without new deals would have dramatic impact on Hinkley Point C and other stations, says NIA. (theguardian.com 02/05/2017)
- **Diesel drivers will be paid to scrap their cars to improve air quality:** Diesel drivers will receive compensation to encourage them to scrap or "retrofit" highly polluting vehicles under Conservative plans to reduce emissions to be unveiled later this week. (telegraph.co.uk 02/05/2017)
- **Bumblebees: Pesticide 'reduces queen egg development':** Use of a common pesticide in spring could have an impact on wild bumblebees by interfering with their life cycle, a UK study suggests. (bbc.co.uk 03/05/2017)
- **World's largest brewer saves £50m through sustainability strategy:** The world's largest brewer has saved \$60m (£46.5m) in the past four years through energy-efficiency improvements, while also passing key water stewardship and carbon reduction targets. (edie.net 03/05/2017)
- **Air pollution lawsuit set to go ahead despite delayed government plan:** Class action on behalf of asthma sufferers may still go ahead over repeated failure to tackle illegal levels of nitrogen dioxide. (theguardian.com 04/05/2017)

And finally...

- **Uber plans to test on-demand flying cars network by 2020:** Uber has unveiled plans to partner with plane manufacturers to develop and test a network of flying cars by 2020. (bbc.co.uk 16/04/2017)

Latest news from the Aardvark team

Aardvark has recently installed a three tank reedbed system at a site near Newcastle, designed to naturally treat waste leachate from new composting bays. Alongside sister company, Rentareedbed, Aardvark support the design and installation of both domestic and industrial reedbeds for rental or long term use. For more information see rentareedbed.com. For all the Aardvark news go to www.aardvarkem.co.uk.

