

Welcome to Aardvark's environmental news briefing

- **Solar energy prices in India tumbles to new record low making it cheaper than fossil-fuel generated power:** The price of solar energy is 18 per cent lower than the average price for electricity generated by coal-fired plants. (independent.co.uk 11/05/2017)
- **Energy storage capacity booms as renewables growth stalls:** Commercial battery capacity could rise by as much as 100 times existing levels by 2020 as independent energy operators shift their focus from renewables to storage, new analysis says. (environmentalisonline.com 04/05/2017)
- **Turning old coffee waste into cleaner biofuels:** Future Americano, cappuccino and latte drinkers could help produce the raw material for a greener biofuel that would reduce our reliance on diesel from fossil fuels. (sciencedaily.com 10/05/2017)
- **Grey plaque scheme highlights NO2 pollution in London:** London's Choking initiative aims to draw attention to areas where nitrogen dioxide pollution threatens public health. (theguardian.com 14/05/2017)
- **Biomass crop acts as refuge for brown hare - scientists:** An exotic grass planted on farmland could have unexpected benefits for wildlife, scientists say. (bbc.co.uk 09/05/2017)
- **Beaver dams keeps streams cool and protect sensitive fish:** Dam, what a find! Beaver dams could lower maximum water temperatures in streams – keeping temperature-sensitive fish safe from dangerous highs. (newscientist.com 17/05/2017)
- **Waste crime 'flourishing' due to weak regulation, industry says:** Gaps in regulation have increased the opportunities for waste crime, which is now costing the taxpayer more than £600m a year, according to the waste industry. (environmentalisonline.com 03/05/2017)

**And finally...**

- **Bath's pothole flower filler warned to stop:** Gaps in regulation have increased the opportunities for waste crime, which is now costing the taxpayer more than £600m a year, according to the waste industry. (bbc.co.uk 12/05/2017)

Latest news from the Aardvark team

Aardvark has been instructed to providing planning advisory services to a London waste management company who are proposing a new waste recycling centre near the M25. The new facility will increase the capacity of their existing operation whilst consolidating onto a single site. The key planning consideration for the team to address will be the local green belt and the protection that is afforded to it in national and local development plan policy. For all the Aardvark news go to [www.aardvarkem.co.uk](http://www.aardvarkem.co.uk).

