

Welcome to Aardvark's environmental news briefing

- **Supercharged geothermal energy could power the planet:** The next generation of geothermal plants will unlock more of Earth's bountiful, underground energy and could allow the technology to finally fulfil its promise. ([news scientist.com](http://news scientist.com) 17/10/2018)
  - **Scottish Power becomes first major UK energy company to generate all electricity from wind:** Scottish Power has become the first major UK energy firm to completely drop fossil fuels in favour of wind power, after selling off its remaining gas and hydro stations to Drax for £702m. ([independent.co.uk](http://independent.co.uk) 16/10/2018)
  - **Solve recycling chaos with traffic light labels on supermarket packaging, Government told:** A traffic light system should be introduced on food and household goods packaging to end recycling chaos, the Government has been told by the recycling industry. ([telegraph.co.uk](http://telegraph.co.uk) 09/10/2018)
  - **Green gas: UK gears up for 'huge' surge in new biomethane plants through to 2020:** Almost 50 applications for building new biomethane green gas plants have been lodged with Ofgem, with a raft of projects expected to come online by 2020. ([businessgreen.com](http://businessgreen.com) 16/10/2018)
  - **Apple files patent for linking battery packs between moving electric vehicles:** Apple has today filed a patent for a set of intriguing new autonomous vehicle features called "Peloton." The filing describes the ability for multiple self-driving cars to share battery capacity via a "connector arm," dynamically adjust positions, increase efficiency, and more. ([electrek.co](http://electrek.co) 23/10/2018)
  - **Recycling costs surge for UK councils after Chinese ban on 'foreign garbage' imports:** 'It's clear that the ban by China on imported waste, which could soon be implemented from other countries, could have a marked impact on councils' ability to recycle'. ([independent.co.uk](http://independent.co.uk) 20/10/2018)
  - **Nasa discovers mile-wide, perfectly rectangular iceberg:** The extraordinary 'monolith' has edges so clean they look as if they've been cut with a knife. ([independent.co.uk](http://independent.co.uk) 23/10/2018)
- and finally...**
- **'Super-sized' mice threaten seabird colonies with extinction:** Super-sized mice are killing millions of seabird chicks on a remote island in the South Atlantic, threatening some rare species with extinction. ([bbc.co.uk](http://bbc.co.uk) 22/10/2018)

Latest news from the Aardvark team

Are we seeing a return to large scale ground mounted solar PV development in the UK? Aardvark has seen an increasing interest over the last few weeks from clients revisiting mothballed solar PV sites and ensuring planning consents are kept live. This may be a result of the lifting of controls on Chinese solar panels entering the EU market in September in a move likely to see the availability of lower cost panels improve. Previous studies have suggested access to lower cost Chinese solar products could cut costs and lead to an increase in solar deployment across Europe of up to 30 per cent. For all the Aardvark news go to [www.aardvarkem.co.uk](http://www.aardvarkem.co.uk).

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