

Welcome to Aardvark's environmental news briefing

- **Supermarkets flood Britain with 59 billion pieces of plastic each year:** The top seven major food retailers are responsible for putting 59 billion pieces of plastic into circulation each year, more than 2,000 for each household, figures from the Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA) and Greenpeace UK found. (telegraph.co.uk 15/11/2018)
 - **Climate crisis as greenhouse gas levels reach record highs:** Greenhouse gas levels have reached new record highs, prompting experts to warn that without rapid cuts climate change will have increasingly destructive and irreversible impacts. (newscientist.com 22/11/2018)
 - **NYC plans to cut its biggest source of pollution:** New York City, already a relatively sustainable town, could reach new green heights if a certain city lawmaker has his way. (grist.org 21/11/2018)
 - **A zero-carbon economy is both feasible and affordable:** Fossil fuels have driven rising prosperity for more than 200 years and today provide 80 per cent of human energy needs. But carbon dioxide emissions from their use threaten potentially catastrophic climate change. To avoid that we must achieve net zero emissions across the whole world by around 2060. (ft.com 22/11/2018)
 - **Anti-global warming atmospheric spraying programme 'possible', say engineers:** Solar geoengineering 'remarkably inexpensive', but rogue states would be detected if programme was launched, scientists say. (independent.co.uk 22/11/2018)
 - **UK post-subsidy pipeline reaches 3GW, 500MW pegged for 2019 development:** The in-house market-research team at Solar Media has just undertaken its most comprehensive project discovery phase yet, in the past few weeks, revealing that 175 different sites can now be classified as active leads for companies engaged in the build-out of large-scale ground-mount solar farms in the UK. (solarpowerportal.co.uk 20/11/2018)
 - **China-backed coal projects prompt climate change fears:** As levels of greenhouse gases reach a new record, concerns are growing about the role of China in global warming. (bbc.co.uk 23/11/2018)
- and finally...**
- **Iceland to let loose animatronic orangutan after Christmas ad ban:** Iceland is to unleash a life-size animatronic orangutan on the streets of the UK after its Christmas advert highlighting the impact of palm oil production was banned for breaching political advertising rules. (theguardian.com 14/11/2018)

Latest news from the Aardvark team

Aardvark EM's drone team were commissioned to film the felling of a diseased oak tree on a private Somerset estate. The team used a DJI Phantom 4 and flew for over 2 hours. The video footage will be used for teaching purposes and marketing for the tree surgery who commissioned the work. **Tree felling drone image.** For all the Aardvark news go to www.aardvarkem.co.uk.

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